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Ofa R.T. elected a member 10mo. 12. 1807. Elected Secy 1mo 8. 1810. — Declined re-election 1832. — 22 years in office. —

4mo. 7. 1830. One Hundred & five resident Members. —

R Vaux. Sec.

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Rules

At a quarterly Meeting of the Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held at the German School House in Cherry alley April 14. 1788 —

The Committee appointed in August last, to frame Rules for the government of the Society, made report, which, being read & amended, were adopted, and are as follow:

I That Business be entered upon as soon, after the appointed Hour of Meeting, as there shall be twelve Members present. — number alter'd to 9 - 1 mo 19. 1802. —

II When the presiding Officer takes the Chair, the Members shall take their Seats, avoiding private Conversation, or any thing tending to prevent the orderly transacting of business. —

III The first Business at each stated Meeting, after reading the Minutes of the last general Meeting and intermediate special Meetings (if any) shall be the reading the Minutes of the acting Committee, and then receiving the Reports of other Committees. —

IIII No Member shall, without permission of the Society, speak more than twice on the same Subject, except to explain something he may have before said —

V The President shall preserve the Rules & regulations of the Society, shall have power to call any Member to order who may transgress the same, in which case the Society present may be appealed to who shall decide. —

VI Every Member speaking on the Business before the Society or making a Motion, shall stand and address himself to the Chair, and if required by any two Members, shall reduce his Motion to writing. —

VII At the appointing of Committees, one Name shall be mentioned and decided upon before another is proposed. —

VIII No Member shall be interrupted while Speaking, unless upon a question of Order —

IX No Member shall introduce any new matter until, upon application to the president, he shall be informed there is no business before the Society —

X After the Business of each Meeting is gone through, the Minutes of the evening shall be read. —

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of public Prisons held at the Carpenters Hall 1 mo 8. 1810.

Present

William White, Thomas Wistar, William Rogers, Francis Higgins, Zachariah Poulson, Henry Connelly, John Paul, Joseph M Paul, Israel W. Morris, Roberts Vaux, Benjamin Parson, & Caleb Cresson Jr.

The Minutes of the Acting Committee were read, giving an account of their proceedings for the last Quarter; whereby it appears attention has been paid to the Prisons as usual, and that they has expended 64 3/100 Dolls for sundry Clothing for the use of the Prisoners —

The account of the Treasurer, for the Year past was presented — Thomas Wistar & Z. Poulson were appointed a Committee to examine it — and if found correct, the Account is directed to be copied on the Minutes —

The Report of the Committee on S. Harveys Letter was taken up — and after considerable discussion was again postponed. —

On Motion, Resolved, that the Acting Committee be requested to attend to the purchase of the Bibles & Testaments for the use of the Prisons as directed by minute of 4. th Month last.

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The Committee on the New Bridewell was again continued —

Henry Connelly, Thomas Bradford Junr and Roberts Vaux were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for the ensuing 12 months, in the place of the three Members whose time now expires —

The Society then proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing Year, agreeable to the first article of the Constitution. — Israel W. Morris and Jos. M. Paul were appointed Judges; who reported the following Officers duly elected —

President

William White

Vice presidents

William Rogers

Thomas Wistar

Secretaries

Caleb Cresson Junr

Roberts Vaux

Treasurer

Israel W. Morris

Electing Committee

Samuel P. Griffitts
Thomas Wistar
John Paul
Israel W. Morris
Zachariah Poulson
Isaac Parrish
Henry Connelly
Thomas Bradford Jr
Joseph M. Paul
William Mc Ilhenney

Adjourned

Dr. Prison Society — in Ac with Israel W Morris Treasurer

1809 2 mo 18	To Cash p R. Vaux Order of Wistar V.P. 2 pr Flannels 2 pr Gunnels	31.91	1809 1 mo 9	By balance p Ac rend S. to date		240.39
4 mo 26	do Jos. Kite Commiss on collecting 874 25 pct.	3.70	3 mo 13	" Cash of Catt. 1806 and for 3 pr Ct Rent due 1 Inst.		24—
11 mo 14	do do Order of W White Pat. for serving Notices in full to 10 mo 9 inclusive	4.—	4 mo 5	" do of Estate of Magnus Miller dec. for 2 pr Ct Rent due 25 ult.		32.—
12 mo 7	do R Vaux & Order of Wm White Bro. for 1 pr Ric Bucking Bags 316.67 — 1 pr Ric Flannel 19.33 1 pr Black Flannel — 20.67 1 pr Worn Shoes — 7.52 Pertaining — 12	64.31	26	" do of Jos. Kite collected by him from W White, W Ashley, R. Blackwell J. Baker, J Bacon, T. Bradford & N. Collins, C. Carmalt, J. Cruikshank S. Coates, J. Connelly, D.C. Claypoole E. Clarke, J. Cooper, J. Carmalt, M. Carey, C. Crispin Jr, H Connelly, H Drinker, J. Dobson, J Dorsey J Dunlap, R.L.B. Duplessis, J Evans B. Ferris, S.B. Griffitts, J Gardner, J Gibson, W Garrigues, A Green, A.M. Garrigues, P. Hartshorne B. Horner, J. Reeves, J.H.C Helmuth J. James, G. Kuhn, J Kerr, E Engs, Wm McElhenney, W Mackenzie D. Marshall, Jo Morton Jun. J.P. Norris, Jos Parrish, Z Poulson, Z Perot, J. Perot, T. Penrose, Jos Parrish, B. Parson, W Reay, J. Riley, W Rawle, B. Rush, J. Ottar, B Say, J. Stewardson S. Sackett, B Shaw, R. Vaux T. Wistar R. Wistar, C. Wistar R Wade, N. Wade, E Yarnall J. Higgins & S. Moore 40 $1. & from Jas Abercrombie & William McElhenney p 20 $2. —	74.—	
7 mo 22	" J.W. Morris his Ann. Subscription	1—				
	" of C. Crispin Jr. being W Bradford E. Pickering, E. Randolph Subscrip. when they signed the Constitution	3—				
10 mo 11	" D Smith for 1 pr Ground Rent due 1 Inst.	18.67				
		393.6				393.6
1810 1 mo 8	By Balance remaining in my hand this day	269.14				

Errors Excepted
Israel W. Morris
Treasurer

Upon Examination of the above Account, We find the balance of two hundred Sixty nine Dollars fourteen Cents correct

3 mo 30. 1810

Thomas Wistar
Z. Poulson
Committee

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At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons, held 4 mo 9. 1810

Present

William White, Thomas Wistar, Wm Rogers, S. C. Griffitts, Henry Connelly, Benjamin Parson, Jos. M. Paul, Elihu Pickering Robt Vaux Israel W Morris, Jos. Parrish & Caleb Cresson Jr

The proceedings of the acting Committee were read whereby it appears they have continued their attention to the business of their appointment.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Saml Harveys Letter was again postponed.

The Committee on the State of the New Bridewell was again continued — the Building laying unused for want of Funds to finish it.

The Account of the Carpenter Company for the use of the Room, was presented, amounting to eighteen dollars which was referd to I W Morris & C. Cresson Jr to examine & if found correct it was directed that an Order be drawn on the Treasurer for the amount

Adjourned

At a Quarterly meeting of the Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Publick Prisons, held 7 mo 9. 1810 — Present William White Samuel Powell Griffiths, William Rogers, John Paul, Joseph M Paul, Thomas Bradford Jun. Edward Randolph Jun. Zacariah Poulson and Roberts Vaux

The minutes of the acting Committee were read.

The committees on the respective subjects, Samuel Harveys letter, and the New Bridewell, were again continued.

The Committee appointed

to examine an account presented by the Carpenters company, reported that on investigation it was found correct, and an order for the amount had been drawn on the Treasurer.

Joseph M Paul, John Bacon, & Benj.ⁿ Paxson were appointed to serve on the acting committee for One year.

Joshua Allen was proposed for membership in this Society.

Adjourned.

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public prisons held 10th mo 8th 1810

present

William Rogers, Isaac Parrish, S. P. Griffitts, T. Bradford, Roberts Vaux, E. Randolph Jr, Jos. Parrish, Joseph M Paul, Benj. Paxson, Elihu Pickering & Caleb Cresson Jr.

The Meeting was informed that there has been no Meeting of the Acting Committee during the last three Months — but that attention has been paid to the Prison by members of the Committee —

An Acct of Jos. Kite was presented, for serving Notices four times, including the present Meeting, amounting to four Dollars — and an Order was drawn for the on the Treasurer for the Amtˢ —

On motion, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to consider & report on the propriety of addressing the Legislature respecting an alteration of the mode of conducting the affairs of the prisons throughout the State; and to prepare an Essay of a memorial for the consideration of the Society if they think proper — Thomas Wistar, S. P. Griffitts & Thˢ Bradford Jr were appointed the Committee —

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The Committees on the respective subjects of S. Harvey's Letter, & the New Bridewell, were again continued —

Adjourn'd

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of public Prisons held 1 mo 14. 1811 —

Present

Thomas Wistar, J. P. Griffitts, Thomas Harrison, Z. Poulson Israel W. Morris, John Paul, Joshua Allen, Joseph M. Paul Roberts Vaux & Caleb Cresson Jr.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read, furnishing an acct. of their proceedings to the present time — and also mentioning that Bibles & Testaments had been distributed among the Prisoners, "that some of them appeared inclined to perus them, & that the Visiting Committee indulge a hope that some benefit may have resulted from the Measure, tho' the Committee are still unprepared to furnish an Opinion with respect to the utility of the plan, in its general operation, which at this time would warrant the introduction of any other Books than those now in use under the controul of the Society". —

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of addressing the Legislature respecting an alteration of the Mode of conducting the affairs of the prisons throughout the State reported that they have not had a Meeting, but that attention had been paid to the Subject — They were continued, and requested to call a special Meeting if they think it necessary. —

The following Members were appointed to serve

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on the acting Committee for twelve Months viz.t Thomas Bradford Jr, Roberts Vaux & John Paul —

The Committee on S. Harveys Letter were discontinued. —

The Committee on the New Bridewell were continued. —

The Accounts of Israel Morris, Treasurer, for the last Year, was presented, & Paul & Roberts Vaux were appointed to examine it & if found correct it was directed to be first on the Minutes —

The Society then proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing Year, according to the first Article of the Constitution Israel Morris & John Paul were appointed Judges; who reported the following Officers duly Elected —

President
William White

Vice Presidents
William Rogers
Thomas Wistar

* Treasurer
Jon.h M. Paul

* Secretaries
Caleb Cresson Jr.
Roberts Vaux

Electing Committee

Thomas Wistar	Isaac Parrish
John Paul	Henry Connelly
Zachariah Poulson	Thomas Bradford Jr
Elihu Pickering	Jon. M. Paul
Sam.l P. Griffitts	Wm Mc Ilhenney

† A Communication was rec.d from the Electing Committee signed by S.P. Griffitts, stating that at a Meeting held 11 mo 7. 1810 Joshua Allen was duly elected a Member of this Society. —

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Dr Society for alleviating the Miseries of public Prisons in Pa with Israel W. Morris, Treasurer

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1810				1810		
3 mo 2	To Cash P. Jos. Kite Comm. on collecting $67 @ 5 pc.		3.35	1 mo 8	By Balance	269.14
4 mo 13	" do " Jos. Cruikshank for 6 dz Testaments p order of Wm White. Pres.		30.—	9	" Cash of Z. Poulson, Jr. Paul, Jos. M. Paul & Israel W. Morris their annual Subscriptions	5—
20	" do " Carpenter Company for use of their Hall &c to 8. 1st Mo. inclusive p Order of T. Wistar V.P.		18.—	19	" ditto of Caleb Cresson being Amt. his rec.d of Jr. Paul & Jos. M Paul when they signed the Constitution	2—
11 mo 5	" do " Jos. Kite for serving Notices p Order of Wm Rogers. V.P. in full to 8 inst.		4.—	3 mo 2	" Cash of Jos. Kite collected by him from Wm White. W. Ashby. Jas. Abercrombie, R. Blackwell J. Baker, J. Baron, T. Bradford Jr, N. Bradford, N. Collin C. Canmale, M. Carey, C. Cresson Jr, J. Cruikshank S. Coates, J. Connelly, D.C. Claypoole, E. Clark, J. Cooper J. Carmalt, H. Connelly, T. Dobson, J. Dorsey, J Dunlap, P. de B. Duplessis, J. Evans, B. Ferris, S.P. Griffitts, J. Gardner, J. Gibson, N. Garrigues, A. Green, P. Hawthorne, B. Homer, J. Hewes, J.H.C. Helmuth, J. Jarnes, G. Krebs, J. Kern, E Lange W.M.c Ilhenny, R. Mackenzie, B. Marshall, J Morton Jr J.P. Norris, J. Parrish, E. Penot, J. Penot, T Penrose Jos. Parrish, B. Parsons, E. Pickering, N Rogers, J Riley W Rawle, B. Rush, E Randolph Jr, J. Starr, J. Stewardson L. Secker, R. Vaux, T. Wistar, R Wistar, C. Wistar, R Wain, N. Wain Jr, & Casmate & S. Moore. ad 18 is	67.—
					Cash of Thomas Palmer his Subscription	1—
				4 mo 18	Dr of Alex. Murray for 1 yr Ground Rent due on house & Lot No 100 South Front Street on 25 inst.	16—
				10 mo 31	" Dr of Dan.l Smith for 1 year Ground Rent due 1 Inst on Lot in this Town	18.67
			378 81			378 81
1811				1811		
1 mo 14	Balance to Contra			1 mo 14	Balance to Contra	252.98

On examination of the above Amount we find the balance of two hundred & fifty two Dollars, 98/100 correct

Signed Robert Vaux, Jr. Wm Paul } Committee appointed for that purpose

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At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 4 mo 8. 1811

Present

Wm Rogers, Thomas Wistar, Isaac Parrish, S. R. Griffitts, Henry Connelly, E. Randolph Jr., Robert Vaux, Jno Paul, Jno. M. Paul Israel W Morris & Caleb Cresson Jr.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read —

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of addressing the Legislature respecting an alteration of the mode of conducting the Affairs of the prisons throughout the State, reported, that they have had a meeting respecting the Business of their appointment, & that in considering the Subject they do not see the propriety of proceeding further at present time — On motion the Committee were continued in order to collect all the information in their power respecting the situation of the different Prisons in the State, & to report when prepared — Robt Vaux was added to the Committee —

The Committee on the New Bridewell were again continued —

The Treasurer informed the Meeting that Henry Davis called on him & mentioned that he wished to redeem the ground Rent lately paid by the Widow Bobart & now by him, that the Deed gave him the privilege of so doing by paying £60 — which he is ready to pay —

On Motion Tho. Wistar, Thos Bradford Jr, Jno. M. Paul & Israel W. Morris were appointed a Committee to consider the Subject, & if they think it proper the surviving Trustees are requested & authorized to convey the same accordingly —

The same Committee are requested to report such Names as they think proper to be appointed Trustees of the Property of the Society, it being thought necessary to make a new appointment, as several of the former Trustees are deceased —

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The same Committee are requested to purchase a Ground Rent to about the value of two hundred Dollars, & have it conveyed to the Society —

The Secretary informed that he applied to Joseph Cruikshanks to get 2000 Notices (for convening the Society) printed, which he accordingly did, & presented them to the Society —

At a Quarterly meeting of the Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the miseries of Publick Prisons 7 Month 8. 1811. Present. William White, Samuel Powel Griffitts, Joseph Parrish, John Paul, Benjamin Paxson, Elihu Pickering, Henry Connelly, Joseph M Paul, Joshua Allen & Roberts Vaux.

The Committee appointed to consider of the pro= =priety of addressing the Legislature relative to an alteration of the mode of conducting the Prisons throughout the State, are not yet prepared to report.

The Committee on the new Bridewell are continued.

The Committee having in charge the respective subjects of Henry Davis's Ground Rent, the selection of names of Members suitable to supply the places of several deceased individuals who were Trustees of the property of the Society, and. the investment of money in Treasurers hands, not being prepared to report, are continued.

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Elihu Pickering, Joshua Allen, & Benj.n Paxson, are appointed to serve on the acting committee for twelve months.

Ajourned. R Vaux Sec.y

At a Meeting of the Philad.a Society for alleviating the Miseries of public prisons · held 10th mo 14. 1811

Present

Sam.l P. Griffitts, Tho.s Harrison, Henry Connelly, Edw.d Randolph Jr, Robert Vaux C Crispon Jr,

who not being a quorum

Adjourn'd

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of public Prisons — 1 mo 13. 1812 —

Present

William Rogers V.P. Sam.l P. Griffitts, Henry Connelly Elihu Pickering, Edw.d Randolph Jr, Jos. Allen, Jos. M.t Paul, Tho.s Bradford Jr, Robt.s Vaux & C. Crispon Jr —

A Letter addressed to the Society was rec.d from Israel W. Morris resigning his right of Membership in the Society, and enclosing a donation of five dollars — On motion his resignation, and the donation was accepted —

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read with an acc.t of their proceedings to this time Accounts were presented & orders drawn for amount of each viz.t —

From the Carpenters Comp.y — 8 Meetings @ 1.50 — D.s 12. —
" from Jos. Kite, Serving Notices 6 times . 1. 25. 6. 25

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The Treasurers Account was presented & read — On motion Rt. Vaux & C. Crispon Jr. were appointed a Committee to examine it, & if found correct it was directed to be copied on the Minutes. —

Henry Connelly, Roberts Vaux & Thos. Bradford Jr. were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for the ensuing twelve Months

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of addressing the Legislature relative to the Mode of conducting the Prisons throughout the State were continued —

as was the Committee on the New Bridewell —

The Committee appointed 4 mo 8 last reported in part, that they had found a Ground Rent of twenty eight Dolls pr annum, payable half yearly, on a Lot on the South Side of Cherry Street, eastward of 10th St. — 28 feet in breadth by 144 feet deep, leased in 1784 by Isaac Snowdon to Lazarus Stow — they are therefore authorized to purchase & have it conveyed to the Trustees heretofore appointed —

The Society then proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing Year, according to the 1st article of the Constitution — Jos. M. Paul & Edwd. Randolph Jr. being appointed Judges, who reported the following Officers duly elected. —

President
William White D. D
Vice Presidents
Wm Rogers D. D — Thomas Wistar
Secretaries
Caleb Cresson Jr. Roberts Vaux
Treasurer
Jos. M. Paul
Electing Committee

Thos. Wistar	Isaac Parrish
John Paul	Henry Connelly
Z. Poulson	Thos. Bradford Jr.
Elihu Pickering	Jos. M. Paul
Saml. P. Griffitts	William Mc Ilhenney

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D^r. The Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of public prisons in acco^t with Joseph M. Paul Treas^r. C^r.

3 mo. 11	1811 To Cash p^d acting Com^tee Order & Pennock & Robbins for 1 p^s yellow Flannel	18.—		2 mo	1811 By Cash rec^d from Israel W. Morris former Treasurer		D^r 252.98
	1 p^s Manwadia Muslin 17 y^ds	3.40	21.40		Ditto Annual Subs^ns for 1811 from		
" 15	To Amo^t paid Joseph Kite Commiss^n Collecting annual Subscriptions		4.62	3 mo 15	Jon. Allen, John Paul, B. Paxson & Jo. M. Paul 1 D each		4.—
12 mo 12	To Cash p^d acting Comm^tee Order to L. Taylor for 6 p^s Womens Shoes — 10/ 1 pr } p^d Bill 29 ult^o	5.40			By Amo^t of Collections p Jon. Kite viz^t		
	6 p^s do Pumps . . 8/ pr }	4.80	10.20		Sarah Moore a donation of	1.—	
" 28	To Cash p^d acting Comm^tee Order to Pennock & Robbins for 4 p^s of Muslin supplied last month		13.—		& of Members their Subscriptions for 1811 viz^t.		
					Wm Ashley J. Abercrombie R. Blackwell J. Baker		
					J. Bacon J. Bradford Jr. Wm Bradford S. Collin		
					C. Carmalt I. Cruikshank S. Coates J. Connelly		
					D.C. Claypoole Jn^o Cooper J. Carmalt M. Carey		
					C. Caspar Jr. H. Connelly S. Colson J Dorsey		
					J. Dunlap P.L. Duplessis Wm Evans B. Ferris		
					S.B. Griffith I. Gibson Wm Garrigues A. Green		
					P. Hailshorn B. Horner J. Hawks J.H. Helmuth		
					J. Higgins Wm James C. Kuhl Jon. Kerr		
					Wm McElhenny N. Mackenzie P.B. Morris Jn^o Morton Jr.		
					J.P. Norris Jo. Parrish Z. Poulson E. Perot		
					J. Perot T. Penrose T. Palmer Jon. Parrish		
					E. Pickering Wm Rogers J. Riley W. Rawle		
					N. Ruple Mann Ph^a Jr. I. Hare Jo. Townsend		
					L. Seckel R. Vaux N. White Th^s Wistar		
					R. Wistar C. Wistar Jr. R. Waln N. Waln Jr.		
					E. Yarnall — being 65 Subscriptions at 1 D each.	65.—	66.—
	To Balance		472.68	5 mo 9	By Cash of H. Davis 2 y^rs Ground Rent due 3 mo 1 last on Lot at New Town owned by C. Kuhn		16.—
				7 mo 3	By do Alex Murray 1 y^r Gr^d Rent due 3 mo 25 last on Lot 164 Sixth Front Street		16.—
				11 mo 16	By do of Dan. Smith 1 y^r Gr^d Rent due 1 ult^o on Lot in his Tenure at New Town		18.67
					By do rec^d from the General Board of Guard^s of the Peace being Money placed in their Hands by O.H. Case to be distributed		150.—
			523.65				523.65
	Examined 1 mo 15. 1812 Balance of four hundred & seventy two dollars 68 cents to be remaining in hands of Treasurer			1 mo 13	By Balance in the Hands of Treasurer		D^r 472.68
	Caleb Cresson } Comm^ee Richard Vaux } of Society				Errors Excepted Philad 1 mo 13. 1812 Jos. M. Paul Treasurer		

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At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 4 mo 13. 1812

present

William White, Wm Rogers, Isaac Parrish, Sam.l P. Griffitts John Paul, Jos. M. Paul, Henry Connelly, Thomas Harrison Elihu Pickering & Caleb Cresson Jr.

The Minuty of the acting Committee were not produced —

The Committee appointed to Consider the propriety of addressing the Legislature relative to the Mode of conducting the prisons throughout the State was again continued —

So was also the Committee on the New Bridewell —

The Treasurer informed the Society that Daniel Smith has requested to be allowed to purchase off the Ground Rent paid by him, & as the Deed gives him that privilege the proposal is agreed to, and the Trustees are directed to convey the same to him, on his paying the Consideration Money to the Treasurer — and on Motion Thomas Wistar, Joseph M. Paul & Thomas Bradford Jun.r are appointed a Committee to invest the proceeds in another Ground Rent well secured —

The Committee on the Subject appointed 4 mo 8 last made the following Report viz.t

"To the Philadelp.a Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons —

The Committee appointed 4 mo (April) last on the Subject of the Sale & purchase of Ground Rents & the nomination of Trustees

Report That upon mature consideration, it was agreed to be the Interest of the Society, in the Opinion of

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all the Committee, to sell the Ground Rent of Eight Dollars p ann. on the Lot in this Town, lately owned by the Widow Huber, & they accordingly procured a Conveyance from the surviving Trustees, William White & H. C. Helmuth, Wm Rogers & Thomas Harrison to Henry Davis and received from him one hundred & sixty dollars which has been paid to the Societys Treasurer. —

A Ground Rent of 28 Dlrs p ann. (pay.ble half Yearly & first payment due the first of next Month) on a Lot & Improve=ments situate on the South Side of Cherry Street ninety five Feet East of 10.th Street — Containing 28 feet in breadth & 144 feet in depth, has been conveyed by Charles Snowden & Wife to the Trustees above named, for the use of the Society — under date of the 20.th of 1.mo (January) last — Cost 392 Dolls, Expences searching Office & drawing Deed 8 Dolls, making four hundred Dollars, for which sum the Committee have drawn an Order on the Treasurer in favr of Isaac & John Bonsall of this City — The Deeds for the Ground Rent are herewith produced — the Rent is payable by Laganes Stow. ——

The Committee nominate the following persons as suitable for Trustees to the Society, William White, William Rogers, Thomas Wistar, Samuel Powell Griffitts, John Paul, Roberts Vaux, Caleb Cresson Junr., Joseph Parrish, & Thomas Bradford Junr. "

Signed Thomas Wistar
Joseph M Paul
Thomas Bradford Jr
Comm.ee

Phila.d. 4.mo (April) 13. 1812

Which was approved, except that as William White & William Rogers were of the Number of the former Trustees, and of consequence cannot convey to themselves

themselves, therefore it was

Resolved

That Thomas Wistar, Samuel Powell Griffitts, John Paul, Roberts Vaux, Caleb Cresson Junr, Joseph Parrish, Thomas Bradford Junr, Joseph M. Paul & Henry Connelly are appointed new Trustees of the Property of the Society, and the former Trustees be directed to convey the same to them accordingly. — The Secretary being directed to have it done. —

attest

Caleb Cresson Secy

Wm. White

* See Note at foot

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Publick Prisons 7th mo. 13. 1812

Present Samuel Powell Griffitts, Thomas Wistar, Edward Randolph jr., John Paul, and Roberts Vaux, who not being a quorum,

Adjourned.

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 10 mo 12. 1812 —

Present

Thomas Wistar, Isaac Parrish, Samel. P. Griffitts, John Paul, Jos. Parrish, Jos. M Paul, Elihu Pickering, Joshua Allen, Edward Randolph Junr & Caleb Cresson Jr,

Written Resignations were received from Jeremh. Warder, Jacob Shoemaker, Jer. Parker, & Benj. Marshall

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* The above Minute was Signed by the President & attested by the Secretary in compliance with the form expressed in the Deed from J. Dickinson & Wife to the Trustees of the Society. —

on motion — the same were accepted —

The Minutes of the Acting Committee were not produced —

An account was presented from Joseph Kite for serving Notices three times, including the present Meeting, amounting to $3 75/100 — Also one from John Elliot Cresson for drawing & Recording Deeds &c, amounting to 17 33/100 Dolls

On motion, Orders were drawn on the Treasurer for the respective amounts —

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of addressing the Legislature relative to the mode of conducting the Prisons throughout the State was again continued —

As was also the Committee on the new Bridewell —

C. Cresson Junr was appointed as an addition to the Committee on addressing the Legislature —

The following Report of the Secretary was read and directed to be placed on the Minutes viz!

"The Secretary who was appointed in the 4th Month last for the purpose

Reports That he has had the Deed from the old to the new Trustees duly executed —

On considering the circumstances of the case it was thought best that Enoch Coxe should be a party to this Deed, altho' he has not lately been considered a Member of the Society — In conversation with him on the Subject, he told me he resided

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in Lancaster about the time the new Copy of the Constitution was signed, and he supposed that was the reason he did not sign it — On this account it was doubtful whether or not he continued a Member according to the Proviso in the Deed from John Dickinson & Wife, which conveys the Ground Rents to the Trustees "or so many of them as shall at the time be and remain Members of the said Society, and shall reside in the City of Philadelphia or within seven Miles thereof" but as he has since returned to reside in this City — as the 7th Article of the Constitution is rather indifinite as to what shall constitute a Member, and as he might survive all the other Trustees, it was thought best to quiet all doubts by making him a party to the Deed. — And it was explained to him by myself before he executed the Deed, that by certain Clauses therein, he confirmed the Title to the purchasers of the Ground Rents sometime since sold and released, (in the Deeds for one or more of which he was not mentioned as Trustee) so as to make their Titles complete, in case any dispute should hereafter arise on that account —

Respectfully

Caleb Cresson Jr"

Secy.

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There being no quorum at the time of the last Meeting, therefore

On motion

Elihu Pickering, Joshua Allen and Joseph M. Paul were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for the ensuing nine Months. —

Adjourned. —

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of public prisons held 1 mo 11. 1813

Present —

Wm Rogers, Thos Wistar, Henry Connelly, Jno Paul, Joseph M Paul, Roberts Vaux, Joshua Allen, Edward Randolph Jr, John Bacon, & Caleb Cresson Jr. —

The Minutes of the Acting Committee were read —

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of addressing the Legislature relative to the mode of conducting the Prisons throughout the State Reported, that they have had an Interview with James Ingersol, the attorney General, who is about compiling a digest of the Penal Laws of this State by direction of the Legislature, and it was thought it might have a beneficial effect if he had the liberty of perusing the Books of Minutes of the Society —

On motion, the Committee was directed to hand them to him for that purpose. —

The Committee on the new Bridewell was continued

Henry Connelly, Roberts Vaux & Thos Bradford Jr were appointed Members of the acting Committee for the ensuing 12 Months. —

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The Treasurer presented his account for the past year, On Motion, it was referd to Roberts Vaux & E Randolph Jr as a Committee to examine it, & if found correct it was directed to be placed on the Minutes. — As by this acc^t there appears to be upwards of 600 Dol^s in the Treasury, and the Committee appointed 4 mo 13 last to purchase a Ground Rent in lieu of that sold to Dan^l Smith for 373 Dol^s not having yet purchased one, they are authorized to purchase to the amount of six hundred dollars —

An Acc^t of the Carpenters Company was presented, amounting to 7 $\frac{30}{100}$ Dol^s, including this Evening, meeting, which Jos. M. Paul & Roberts Vaux were desired to examine & if found correct they were authorized to have an Order drawn for the Amo^t.

The Meeting then proceeded to the annual Election, John Bacon & Jos^h Paul being appointed Judges, who reported the following Officers duly elected to serve the ensuing 12 Months —

President
William White D.D

Vice Presidents
Wm^m Rogers D.D — Thomas Wistar

Secretaries
Caleb Cresson Jun^r — Roberts Vaux

Treasurer
Joseph M. Paul

Electing Committee

John Paul
Zacharias Poulson
Elihu Pickering
Sam^l P. Griffitts
Thomas Wistar
Isaac Parrish
Henry Connelly
Thomas Bradford Jr
Joseph M Paul
Will^m Mc Ilhenny —

adjourned

Dr. The Philad.a Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons in a/c with Joseph M. Paul Treasurer Cr.

1812 1 mo 14	To Cash p.d Jos. Kite & Order W Rogers V.P. serving Notices & mg.s	6.25	1812 1 mo 13	By balance due the Society & Settlement		472.68
	ditto Carpenter Co. & do 8 Meetg.s of Society in this Hall 1812		4	By Cash rec.d a donation from Israel Morris		5.—
	ditto do 22 do Acting Com.tee from		2 mo 3	By do Annual Payments for 1812 from Jos. Paul & Jos. M. Paul		2.—
	10.th Mo 1807 to 10 mo 31. 1811 @ 1.50 33.—	45.—	3 mo 14	By do do do collected by J. Kite viz.t		
22	To Cash p.d Tho.s Stokes, Col.r - City Port & Health Tax for 1810 on			Wm Ashbey J. Abercrombie J. Allen R. Blackwell		
	lot No 104 fr. Front St. (County Tax yet owing)	2.45		J. Baker J. Mason T. Bradford Jr. Wm Bradford		
2 mo 3	To Cash p.d Com.ee Order to J & J Bonsall for an annual			N. Collin C. Carmalt J. Cruikshank S. Coates		
	G.d Rent of 28 Dols. issuing out of a Lot on South			J. Connelly D.C. Claypoole Jos. Cooper J. Carmalt		
	side of Cherry St. 95 feet East of 10.th St. now in			M. Carey C. Crispin Jr. Hr Connelly Th. Dobson		
	possession of Lazarus Stiles (this Rent purchased			J. Dorsey J. Dunlap P.D. Desplagnis Jos. Ewing		
	Stiles by the Soc.y in lieu of Rents in Nice town			B. Ferris S.P. Griffitts Jos. Gibson Wm Garrigues		
	left by J. Dickenson ordered to be sold by a			R. Green P. Hartshorne B. Horner Jos. Hewes		
	Resolution of the Society) . . . D.o 392.—			J.H.C. Helmuth T. Higgins Jno James J. Kelly		
	J & J Bonsalls bill drawing and Searching Office 8.—	400.—		Sol.t Kerr Wm McElhenny Wm McKenzie Jno Morton Jr.		
7 mo 21	To Order to keeper of Prison for 21 poor Sheep furnished			J.P. Norris Jno Parrish T. Poulson E. Pennock		
	prisoners p.r order of visiting Com.tee . .	17.75		J. Perot Th. Penrose Th. Palmer Jos. Parrish		
		3.75		J. Pickering Wm Rogers J. Riley Wm Rawle		
10 mo 13	To do Jos. Kite Serving Notices of Meetings to 12 mo.th			R. Rush E. Randolph Jr. T. Stewardson Jos. Snowden		
19	To do J.L. Cooper drawing Deed from old			L. Sickel R. Vaux Wm White Th. Wistar		
	to new Trustees	10.—		R. Wistar C. Wistar Jr. R. Waln N. Waln Jr.		
	recording Two Deeds viz.t 3 Deeds p.d by J.L.C. 7.33	17.33		& Ellis Yarnall One Dollar each is	65	
	To Balance due the Society . . .	615.76		& from Sarah Moore annual donation of	1.—	
				deduct J. Kite Com.n 7 p.r Ct. . . .	4.62	61.38
	Examined & found correct - a Balance due the		4 mo 6	By Cash of D. Davis on a/c G.d Rent due from Wid Noland	8.—	
	Society of $ 615 76/100			do do for Society right Title to said G.d Rent		
				sold to said Davis & Society's order Amt. . .	160.—	168.—
	Signed Robt. Vaux } Committee appointed for that purpose		5 mo 20	By Cash of A. Murray 1.st G.d Rent on Lot No 104 fr. Front St. due		
	Edw.d Randolph 2.d }			9 mo 25 last 160. deducting Taxes for 1811 p.d by A. Murray 1.st Inst.		14.23
		1108.99	22	By Cash of D. and Smith 7.th Mo.s G.d Rent on Lot in Nice town	11.67	
				do of D. Smith's Children for the Society's right to		
				the said G.d Rent sold p.r order of the Society & Conveyed		
				by Trustees under date 5 mo 19. 1812 . . .	373.33	385.—
						1108.99
			1813 1 mo. 11	By bal. due the Society & Contra . . .		615.76
				Errors Excepted Jos. M. Paul		

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At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of public Prisons. 4 mo 12. 1813

Present

Isaac Parrish, John Paul, Jos. M Paul, Elihu Pickering Roberts Vaux & Caleb Cresson Jr

who not being a Quorum

adjourn'd

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons - 7 mo. 12. 1813

Present

Isaac Parrish, John Paul, Joseph M. Paul, Elihu Pickering, Joshua Allen, Henry Connelly, Zacharia Poulson & Samuel P. Griffitts.

who not being a Quorum

Adjourned

10 mo 11. 1813 no Quorum attended —

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society, for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 1 mo 10. 1814 —

Present

Wm Rogers, Thomas Wistar, Joseph M. Paul, Roberts Vaux, Jno Paul, Joshua Allen, Henry Connelly, Elihu Pickering Wm Wayne Jun.r & Caleb Cresson Jr —

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read by which it appears they have paid attention to their duties since last meeting — They also produced an anonimous Communication from a Gentleman in Bucks County — which was directed to be inserted on the Minutes, & Thomas Wistar Roberts Vaux & Joshua Allen were appointed a Committee to consider the same, & to correspond with influencial persons

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in the different Counties of the State relative to the subject of it, & the general Views of the Society — viz[t]

Extract from the Report of the Grand Jury of the County of Bucks —

1 — The allowance made by Law for the support of Persons confin'd for Debt who are unable to provide for themselves (14 Cts p day) being construed to include provisions, fuel & Bedding appears to be altogether inadequate to their support, there also exists another and more obvious defect in the Law on this subject — no legal provision for the support of Debtors being made for that Space of time which may elapse between the Commitment of the debtor and the Creditors receiving notice thereof — and in those Cases where the Creditors may not choose to pay the allowance, the debtor is confined for three days after the Monday next succeeding his Commitment, without any legal allowance for his support — The necessary Consequence of this defect of the Law is, that they either must obtain Support at the private expence of the Goaler, from the Charity of humane Citizens in the vicinity, or endure privation & suffering as incompatible with the Spirit of the Constitution and Laws as with the general Character of the People of this Commonwealth —

2 — The allowance of one pound of Bread per day to Prisoners committed for trial, and Convicts, which the immemorial usage of the Goal, if not the Law has established, with the addition of Six Cents for Fuel, and a single Blanket in the Cold Season, appear

also

also to be insufficient — And altho' a County Gaol may with propriety constitute a part of the punish=ment contemplated by the Law to be inflicted on Criminals, yet when the great difference between the natural wants of different Constitutions is considered, and the very low rate at which the average has been fixed, it must be apparent that this species of punishment operates most unequally — And with respect to Prisoners com=mitted for Trial the usage is more palpably im=proper, as no principle of Justice can warrant the punishment of a person charged with a Crime until his guilt is properly ascertained —

The Grand Jury would also suggest that some alteration appears highly necessary, both with respect to the manner and amount of the Gaolers Compensation — No possible inducement should be left for an Officer in his situation to profit by the distresses of the subjects of his Charge — and the amount of compensation to be allowed him should be such that he may not be tempted to relieve his own necessities by increasing theirs —

In conclusion — It must be observed with peculiar satisfaction that such is the general prosperity of the Inhabitants of this Country, & the improved state of Morals in Society that there are but three persons (two debtors & one Criminal) out of a population of near forty thousand, at this time confined in the County Prison —

I would propose

that

that the Society for alleviating the miseries of public prisons, should apply to the Legislature for a Law regulating all the prisons in Pennsylvania, abolishing the use of Irons in the Confinement of prisoners - a species of torture carried to a shameful extreme in some Counties - taking away the fees of Gaolers, & substituting a fixed Salary - ordering the Election, or appointment by the Court of Inspectors in each County to govern the prison with the full power to afford sufficient food, fuel & Covering at the expence of the County -

The following Report of the Electing Committee was read -

At a Meeting of the Electing Committee of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public prisons held 12th of the 7th Mo. 1813 -

present Zachariah Poulson, Sam. P. Griffitts, Elihu Pickering Isaac Parrish Henry Connelly, Joseph M Paul and John Paul -

Jonah Thompson and William Wayne Inv'd proposed 1st mo 11th last were duly elected Members of said Society. - John Paul, Chairman

On Motion, Resolved that the Secretaries be directed to correspond with such Persons who are engaged in the Conduct of Penetentiaries instituted in different States of the Union, wherein the humane & improved System of Penal Laws are enforced, & especially to ascertain the influence thereof on the subjects of such treatment, as well as their effect on the general Condition of Society -

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a Bill was produced from the Carpenters Company dated 30 Ult.o for 4 meetings amounting to six Dolls, also one from Joseph Kite amounting to 6 Dolls, for serving Notices four times, including the present meeting, for which Orders were drawn on the Treasurer

The Committee appointed on the Subject reported that they had handed to Jared Ingersol the Minutes of this Society which appeared to have had a valuable effect —

The Committee on the New Bridewell is continued

Henry Connelly Thos. Bradford Jun.r & John Paul were appointed Members of the acting Committee for six Months, and Roberts Vaux Wm Wayne Jun.r & Jonah Thompson for twelve Months from this time —

The Committee appointed on the Subject made the following Report — which was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes, & the Treasurer is requested to have the Deed recorded. — viz.t

To the Philad.a Prison Society

The Committee appointed to purchase a Ground Rent

Report — That they have attended to the duty required of them — a Ground Rent of 45 Dolls p.r ann. has been purchased — It is payable half Yearly in y.e 4.th & 10.th Months (April & October) — The Lot from which it issues is on the North Side of Marshalls Court No. between 4.th & 5.th & Prune & Spruce Streets, bounded on the East by Hannah Haines's Ground — there is a new three Story Brick House thereon about 15 feet 7 Inches front — The purchase was made at a public Sale at the Merchants Coffee House for the Sum of Seven hundred & fifty dollars, which has been paid by the Treasurer, and Joseph Downes Reuben Haines & John B Toland assignees of Christopher Marshall, the former Owner, have executed

executed a Deed to the Trustees of this Society dated 22 of 6mo (June) last, this Deed & also one from Charles Marshall to John Warner who was the rentor of the Lot are herewith submitted.

Altho' this investment has been some Months delay'd the Committee do not feel themselves chargeable with a neglect of duty, Enquiries were frequently made of Conveyancers & others but no Rents offer'd that were thought suitable — The only excuse we have to offer for exceeding the Sum directed to be invested are, that no suitable Rent for a less value could be procured — and the Treasurer agreed to advance the Society sufficient Money to meet the Demands on the Treasury

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Bradford Junr.
Thomas Wistar
Joseph M Paul
} Committee

Philad 12 mo (Decem). 1813

A Letter from John Baker dated "15 Feby. 1813" resigning his Membership in this Society was received and on Motion the same was accepted —

The Account of the Treasurer was presented, Elihu Pickering and Joshua Allen were appointed to examine it & if found correct it was directed to be copied on the Minutes. —

The Society was informed that a Devise of a Ground Rent was made to this Society by the last Will of Sarah Moore deceased, in the following words, viz.

"Item, All that yearly Rent Charge of thirty six Dollars per annum payable by Robert Blane issuing out of a Lot of Ground situate on the West side of the said Eighth Street between Arch or Mulberry and Filbert Streets aforesaid bounded Northward by the aforesaid Lot let to George Fleck and on the South by a four feet wide alley being

Eighteen

Eighteen Feet in Breadth on the said Eighth Street and extending Westward forty feet to the Line of Lots which Front on the said arch Street with the appurtenances I give and devise unto my Executors herein after named or the Survivors a Survivor of them in trust to grant and convey the same to such Person or Persons and in such Way and Manner as the Society Established in this Place for the alleviation of the Miseries of Publick Prisons shall order direct and appoint such Conveyance to be in Fee and this devise being made in order to fulfil my Fathers Intentions relative to Poor Prisoners"

On Motion, Resolved, that ~~Wm White, Wm Rogers~~ Thomas Wistar, Sam. P. Griffitts, John Paul, Roberts Vaux, Joseph Parrish, Jn. M. Paul, Hy. Connelly and Thomas Bradford Jr. Trustees of this Society are authorized to receive from the Executors of the last Will of the said Sarah Moore deceased a Deed for the same, agreeable to the said Devise, in trust for the use of this Society —

The Meeting then proceeded to the Election according to the first article of the Constitution, Wm Wayne Jr & Jon. Allen being appointed Tellers, who reported the following Members duly Elected viz -

President
Wm White D.D
Vice Presidents
Wm Rogers D.D
Thos. Wistar
Secretaries
Caleb Cresson Jr. & Roberts Vaux
Treasurer
Jn. M. Paul
Electing Committee

Elihu Pickering	Henry Connelly
Thos. Wistar	John Paul
Jacb. Poulson	Sam. P. Griffitts
Isaac Parrish	Thos Bradford Jr.
Jn. M. Paul	Wm Wayne Jr.

adjourn'd

D.r The Philadelp.a Society for alleviating the Miseries of public Prisons in a/c with Joseph. M. Paul Treasurer

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1813 1 nov	29	To Cash paid Society's Order to Carpenters Company for 5 Meetings in the Company's Hall to the 1 inst.a		7.50	
1 nov	25	To ditto paid an Order in favor of Jos. Lewis & W. Eland & R. Haines for Annu.t of Gr.d Rent 6 8 4/5 p.r An. payable 1.st April out of Lot No Marshall Court		7.50	
7 nov	31	To ditto Order in favr of Isaac Hampson, drumming Bill from 1 Nov.r to 1 inst. & R. Haines to the 31.st of this inst.		7.—	
1814 1 mo	4	To ditto paid Jos. Allen being fines fined by him due from 3 prisoners - directed to be paid by resolution of the acting Committee dated 12 mo 1812		3.—	
		ditto Thos. Bradford Jr. Esq.r Annu.t of Muslin supplied the prisoners in 12 mo 1812 by him p.r Receipt of J. Wister		15.37	
		do Pennock & Collins bill of 10 p.s Muslin (1 yd wide)		50	
		do Thomas & Randle do 7 p.s 8 Hong Woollen Hose	2.d	21.60	
		do Jos. Evans do 28 p.s Men & Women Shoes 1.25 & 1.50		30.10	120.07
				884.57	
1814 1 Mo.	10	To Balance due J. M. Paul Treasurer p Contra		173.84	

Errors Excepted
Philad.a 1 mo 10. 1814
Signed Jos. M. Paul

On examination of the within account we find it correct; & that there was due the Treasurer a balance of one hundred & seventy three dol.rs 84 Cents 1 mo 10. 1814

Signed Elihu Pickering } Committee
Joshua Allen }

1813		By balance in Treasurers Hands from last account		615.76
1 nov	12	By annum payments rec.d this day viz Jos. Allen, R. Dawes, R. Parker, J. Connelly, C. Cooper Jr., J. M. Paul, & Wood & Speakman 1 Bank 1 T. Wister 1 Bank		9.—
3 nov	6	By 15 3/4 mo Gr.d Rent to 5 mo 1 next in Lot in Cherry Street near 10.th in possession of D. Stow paid p Chas. Stow		35.75
	13	By annu.l donation from Sarah Moore p Jos. Kite & annual payments for the Year 1813 from 53 Members		1.—

W. Ashby	S. Abercrombie	R. Blackwell	T. Bradford Jr.	
W. Bradford	N. Collins	C. Cornwell	J. Cruikshank	
S. Coates	D C Claypoole	Jn.o Cooper	J Cornwell	
M Carey	R. Dobson	J Dorsey	P L du Plessis	
Jn.o Evans	B. Ferris	S Fitzgerald	J. Gibson	
W Garrigues	P. Hutchinson	B Hanner	Joseph Haines	
J. H. C. Helmuth	Wm Hall	J. Ivans	G Kirby	
J Kerr	W. Mc Elhenney	Wm McKenzie	W. Norris	
H.y Parrish	Z. Pardon	E Pearce	J Perot	
Thos Pearson	Jos. Parrish	E Pickering	Wm Paul	
Wm Rogers	Jno Riley	N. Randle	B. Rush	
J. Stewardson	A. Seckle	Jas Starr	Wm White	
Rd. Wister	C. Wister	R Walker	N. Waln Jr.	

Tallies yearly 53 Members 18 ea. . . . 53 / 54
deduct Jo. Kites Commiss.n Collecting 7 p.ct. . . 3.78 — 50.22
By Balance due the Treasurer 173.84
884.57

To the Philad.a Soc.y for alleviating the Miseries of Pub.c Prisons

The Treasurer herewith hands the Acc.t of Receipts & Payments rel.g to the Treasury the past Year — To remunerate the Balance of 173.84 due to him, there is now due about 60 Dolls in annual Subscriptions, 16 do in Ground Rents & there will be due in the 3.d & 4 mo.s of this present Year additional Gr.d Rents Amounting to about 80 Dolls —

Respectfully submitted Philad.a 1 mo 10. 1814

Sign.d Jos. M. Paul Treas.r

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At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 11 mo 11. 1814

Present

Thomas Wistar, Sam.l P. Griffitts, Thomas Harrison, Henry Connelly, John Paul, Jos. M. Paul, Wm Wayne Jr, Thomas Bradford Jr, Jonah Thompson, Robert Vaux, and Caleb Cresson Jr

The Minutes of the acting Committee were not produced

The Committee appointed on the Subject mentioned in the Extract from the Report of the Grand Jury of Bucks County is continued

The Secretaries who were appointed to correspond with Persons engaged in conducting Penetentiaries in the different States are continued to compleat the Service

The Committee on the New Bridewell is continued

The Secretary reported that the Deed to this Society from the Executors of the last Will of Sarah Moore deceased, for a Ground Rent of thirty six Dollars p Annum, left to the Society by her Will was duly executed, dated the tenth of last Month, and was delivered to Jos. M. Paul the Treasurer

a Bill of C. C. Cresson 86c for drawing Deed from the Executors of the last Will of Sarah Moore to the Trustees of this Society, amounting to eight Dollars, was presented, and an Order drawn for the Amount

Adjourned

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Publick Prisons 7 Month 11th 1814. Present William White, Henry Connelly, Joseph M Paul, John Paul, Elihu Pickering, William Wayne Jr & Roberts Vaux who not being a quorum,

Adjourned

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 10 mo 10. 1814

Present

Wm Rogers, Thomas Wistar, Sam'l P. Griffitts, Wm Garrigues Tho' Bradford Jr, Jas P. Parke, Jn° Paul, Jon. M. Paul, Jona' Thompson, Hy Connelly, Wm Wayne, Jos B Remmington Joseph Evans, and Caleb Cresson Jr, —

The following Report of the Electing Committee was produced - viz'

"At a Meeting of the Electing Committee of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 15th of 6th Month 1814

Present Samuel P. Griffitts, Zachariah Poulson, Henry Connelly, Joseph M Paul, John Paul, Tho' Bradford Jr Isaac Parrish, and Elihu Pickering

The following named Persons having been proposed at a previous Meeting of the Society (agreeably to the Constitution) were now duly Elected Members thereof, viz'

Thomas Shewell	Thomas Tapsitt
Abraham L Pennock	James Tapsitt
Samuel J Robbins	Jos B. Remmington
Joseph Evans, marked absent)	by Crown Street
	Israel Maule

Robt. M. Lewis
James B. Thompson
William Morrison
James P. Parke

Robert A. Smith
Reuben Haines
John C. Lowber
Thomas Kitera

Signed Elihu Pickering
Chairman of the Committee "

The Minutes of the acting Committee were not produced —

The Committee on the Subject mentioned in the Extract from the Report of the Grand Jury of Bucks County is continued —

The Secretaries, who were directed to correspond with Persons engaged in conducting Penitentiaries in the different States are continued to the Service —

The Committee on the New Bridewell is discharged

Henry Connelly, James P. Parke, & Thos. Bradford 3rd were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for 12 months from 7th Month last —

An Account of Jos. Kite, for serving Notices three times, (including the present Meeting) amounting to 3 Dol 75/100, was presented and an Order drawn for the amount. —

Adjourned —

At a Meeting of the Philad.a Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 1.st mo. 9. 1815

Present

William Rogers, Sam.l P. Griffitts, Thos. Harrison, Jon.a M. Paul, Henry Connelly, Elihu Pickering, Ja.s P. Parke, Jos. B Kemmington, William Wayne Jr, Jonah Thompson, Roberts Vaux, Bartholomew Wistar, Reuben Haines, Thomas Shipley, Joseph Evans, Benj.a H. Yarnall & Caleb Cresson Jr. —

The following Minute of the Electing Committee was read viz.t —

"At a Meeting of the Electing Committee of the Prison Society held at Elihu Pickering's School Room 1 mo 5. 1815

Present

Isaac Parrish, John Paul, Jon. M. Paul, Henry Connelly William Wayne Jr, Thomas Bradford & Elihu Pickering

The following named Persons having been proposed at a previous Meeting of the Society (agreeable to the Constitution) were now duly elected Members, viz. Thos. Shipley (No. 57 Market St.) Joseph Wayne (119 Vine St.) Thomas & James Wood (No. 8 North 2.d St.) Benj. H. Yarnall (High St.) & Bartholomew Wistar —

Elihu Pickering Chairman of Committee"

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read. —

The Committee on the Subject mentioned in the Report of the Grand Jury of Bucks Co. is continued —

The Secretaries who were directed to correspond with Persons engaged in conducting Penitentiaries in the different States, reported that they had paid further attention to the business, & were continued —

Roberts Vaux, Jos. B. Remmington, & Jonah Thompson were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for 12 months —

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The Account of Jos. M. Paul Treasurer was produced & read – On motion Jos B. Remmington & Benj. Hyam were appointed a Committee to examine the same, & if found correct it was directed to be copied on the Minutes.–

On motion the Society proceeded to the Election according to the 1st article of the Constitution, Jas P. Parke, & Jos. M. Paul being appointed Tellers, who reported the following Members duly Elected Officers for the ensuing year – viz.

President
William White

Vice Presidents
Thomas Wistar
William Rogers

Secretaries
Caleb Crespon Jr
Roberts Vaux

Treasurer
Joseph M. Paul

Electing Committee
Henry Connelly
Samuel P. Griffitts
Zacharias Poulson
Thomas Bradford Jr
Jno. Paul
Elihu Pickering
Wm Wayne Jr
Joshua Allen
Robt. H. Smith
Jas. P. Parke

Adjourned

Dr. Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons, in A/c with Joseph M. Paul Treasurer.

1814 1 mo.	To balance due Jos^{h} M Paul as p^{r} a/c rendered	$ 173.84
12	To Order to Jos. Kite serving Notices of 4 Meetings of the Society to the 10 Inst^{t} inclusive	5.—
	d^{o} to Carpenter Comp^{y}. 4 Meetings in their Hall to 3 inst^{t}	6.— 11.—
	To Cash p^{d} recording 2 Deeds for Ground Rent purchased of the assignees of C. Marshall	5.—
3 mo.	To do Deed from Executors of Sarah Moore for Ground Rent on lot in 8 below and S.	2.—
4 mo 25	To Order in favr of H. Rogers Esq^{r} drawg Deed from Ex^{rs} of S. Moore	8.—
10 mo 12	To do to Jos. Kite serving Notices of 3 Meetings of y^{e} Society	3. 75
1815 1 mo 9	To do to Wm Wayne Jr, duties 22 of 11 mo last for Muslin & Flannel distributed to untried Prisoners by Visiting Com^{e}	40. 10
		243. 69
	To Balance due from the Soc^{y}. to Jos. M. Paul & Contra	76. 59

The within Statement has been compared with the Treasurers Books & vouchers and found correct—a Balance being due from the Society of Seventy six 59/100 Dollars

Philadelphia 1 mo 12. 1815

B. H. Yarnall
Wm. B. Rennington

Errors Excepted

Philad. 1 mo 9. 1815
Joseph M. Paul

1814 1 mo 31	By Cash rec^{d} from Alex. Murray 1 y^{r} Gr^{d} Rent on lot N. 104 South Front Street due 3 mo 25. 1813. Taxes 1.77 two p^{r} cent being deducted	14. 23
	By J. M. Pauls Subscription for the present Year	1.—
3 mo 19	By annual Subscr^{n} collected from 59 Members, by Jos. Kite, viz^{t}	

Wm Ashby	Jas Abercrombie	J. Allen	R. Blackwell
J. Bacon	T. Bradford Jr	N. Collin	C. Carmalt
J. Cruikshank	J. Coates	H. C. Clapp[illegible]	E. Clark
J. Cooper	J. Carmalt	M. Carey	C. Crispin Jr
H. Connelly	T. Dobson	J. Dorsey	P. D. Desplein
Jno Evans	S. P. Griffitts	J. Gibson	Wm Garrigues
P. Hartshorne	B. Horner	W. Hall	J. Henry
J. H. C. Helmuth	G. Krebs	J. Keen	W. M^{c} Elheney
W. Kinsey	J. P. Norris	Jn^{o} Parrish	T. Poulson
E. Perot	J. Perot	T. Pearson	J. Parrish
E. P. Cheving	Jos^{h} Paul	Wm Rogers	J. Riley
N. Rankin	E. Randolph Jr	Jos^{h} Stan	Th. Stewardson
S. Seckel	Jonas Thompson	R. Vaux	W. White
Th. Wistar	R. Wistar	C. Wister Jr	R. Waln
N. Waln	W. Wayne Jr	E. Yarnall	and 1 Dollar 59

	deduct Collector Com^{n} of 7 p^{r} Ct. 4.13	54. 87
	By Wm Wayne & Jonas Thompson Subscription p^{d} at Sig^{g} Contract	2.—
7 mo 30	By Cash p^{d} Wm Wayne 6 mo^{s} Rent on lot 8 S. below and S.	18.—
11 mo 10	By Constitutional requisition from J. P. Parke, W. Rennington & Jos. Evans p^{d} at time of Signing	3.—
11	By 1 y^{r} Gr^{d} Rent on lot in Cherry below 10 S. p^{d} Exec^{rs} of Luzarus Stow due 5 mo 1. last	28.—
12	By 1 ditto on lot in Marshalls Court paid by Rob^{t} Warner	45.—
12 mo	By Cash rec^{d} of Rob^{t} N. Smith, this Sum being required on Signing the Constitution	1.—
	Balance due Jos. M. Paul	76. 59
		243. 69

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At a special Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 2 mo 13. 1815

Present

Thomas Wistar, Thomas Harrison, William Garrigues James P. Parke, Jos B. Remington, John Paul, Jos. M. Paul, Robt H Smith, Roberts Vaux, John C. Lowber, Reuben Haines, Elihu Pickering, Israel Maule, Benjamin H. Yarnall, Thomas Bradford Jun., Joseph Evans, William Wayne Jr. Joseph Wayne, & Caleb Cresson Jr —

A Member stated that the call of this Meeting was intended to consider a plan of a Law now before the Legislature of this State entitled "An act to consolidate and amend the penal laws of this Commonwealth" several Clauses of which deviate from the Plan and principles advocated by this Society, and after Sections 169 to 182 had been read it was

On Motion Resolved that the mode of appointing Inspectors is not approved by this Society —

A Memorial having been prepared, it was produced & considered by Paragraphs, adopted, directed to be signed by the President & Secretary, and Thomas Wistar, Thomas Bradford Jr & Roberts Vaux were appointed a Committee to forward it to the Senate & House of Representatives — of which the following is a Copy —

(This Memorial was by some Means mislaid, so that a Copy could not be procured for insertion here, but not having been forwarded it is not very material)

adjourned,

At a Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 4 mo 10. 1815.—

Present

William Rogers, Sam.l P. Griffitts, William Garrigues, Israel Maule, James P. Parke, Thos. Shipley, Thomas Bradford Jr., Roberts Vaux, Reuben Haines, Jos. M. Paul Wm. Wayne Jun.r, Jonah Thompson & Caleb Cresson Jr.—

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read, by which it appears that they recommend to the particular attention of the Society to institute an enquiry into the Effect of the Penetentiary System in this State, & whether the System is properly inforced, in order that a condensed Statement may be made for future use.— On motion

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to attend to the Subject, & report when prepared,

Roberts Vaux, Jas. B. Thompson & Jas. P. Parke were accordingly appointed.—

The Committee on the Subject mentioned in the Report of the Grand Jury of Bucks County is continued.—

The Secretaries made the following Report, and were directed further to attend to the Subject—

"The Secretaries respectfully Report, that according to directions given they have written a Letter, a Copy of which is subjoined, to

Samuel Shankwick Samuel Green } Concord
John Bradley & Q. Dearborn Barden Esqrs } New Hampshire

and also a similar Letter, with the necessary alterations

alterations as to address &c, to the following persons viz.

Abner Forbes Esq.r or Doctor Isaac Green — Windsor, Vermont

Doctor Bartlett or Joseph Hurd Esq.r — Charleston, Massachusetts

John Treadwell or Pleny Hillier Esq.r — Granby, Connecticut

Thomas Eddy or Thomas C. Butler — New York

Joseph Broadhurst or Gershom Mott Esq.r — Trenton, New Jersey

Inspectors of the Maryland Penetentiary, care of B Williams, Keeper, Baltimore — Maryland

John Preston Esq.r or Philip N. Nicholas Esq.r — Richmond, Virginia

William Ludlow or Lewis Sullivan — Columbus, Ohio

Isaac Shelby Esq.r or Humphrey Marshall — Frankfort, Kentucky

We are informed, there are no Penitentiary in Rhode Island, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, or Louisiana

Respectfully 3 mo 31. 1815

signed Caleb Cresson
Roberts Vaux

Danl Sharswood

Sam[l] Shaubawk
Sam[l] Green
Jno Bradley &
G. Dearborn Warden, Esquires, Concord, New Hampshire

Respected Friends

Having been informed you are directors of the Penetentiary in New Hampshire, We have to address you in the Name & on behalf of "the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons", which at a late Meeting directed the Secretaries "to correspond with such persons who are engaged in the conduct of Penetentiaries instituted in the different States of the Union, wherein the humane & improved system of Penal Laws are inforced; & especially to ascertain the influence thereof on the subjects of such Treatment, as well as their effect on the general condition of Society"

Since the establishment of this Institution many of its zealous and benevolent Founders have gone down to the Grave — some few however continue actively interested in its concerns who were early engaged in those humane exertions, which, regardless of the influence of prejudice & the Example of Ages, aimed at the accomplishment of a reformation in the Penal jurisprudence of Pennsylvania. With these are now united others who from a conviction of the importance & utility of those Labours as well as a knowledge of the success of the Experiments which flowed from them, have been induced to give their assistance to the same philanthropic cause — To both these descriptions of our Members it hath become an interesting enquiry what have been the effects produced

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by the adoption in your State of a meliorated Code of criminal Laws? Whether, allowing for the increase of population since their enaction, Crimes have diminished in their number, or degree of enormity? Whether individuals, who by their errors have unhappily been the Subjects of your Penetentiary System, are, since its wholesome correction, restored to usefulness in the Com=munity? and generally, whether the moral Condition of Society has been improved and the Security of its Members promoted by the Abolition of punishments, which were not less vindictive & cruel, than was the employment of them degrading to the Character of our Species?

It is not only for our own satisfaction that we are desirous of obtaining whatever information you can furnish in relation to these interesting Subjects, but because we believe the combined expe=rience of all those who have been engaged in this great object of State Polity, cannot fail to advance its value in the estimation of others, & thereby subserve at once the purposes of Justice & the cause of humanity ——

We believe that in our own Country the number of its Friends is gradually multiplying; and it is with peculiar satisfaction we have heard of the exertions which some benevolent Individuals in their private Capacity, as well as enlightened Statesmen in their public Character are employing in Great Britain to render the Laws of that Kingdom less sanguinary. These

Advocates

advocates of reformation have had the candour to acknowledge, that they were encouraged to commence the Laudable work from the success which had followed our experiments; & hence we see the importance of embodying all the evidence which can be collected to support in England this effort of Mercy, and of diffusing these beneficent principles, through all those Nations, and States, by which they have not yet been adopted —

We are very respectfully &c

signed Caleb Cresson Jr } Secretary
Roberts Vaux

Philad. 3 mo 28. 1815"

The Committee appointed to forward the Memorial to the Legislature, reported that it had not been forwarded in consequence of the adjournment of the Legislature — As this was a Memorial on only a part of the subject so interesting to this Society, that Committee were directed not to forward it, and are now requested to prepare a Memorial on the subject, more fully stating our views thereon, & report when prepared —

An account was presented from Joseph Kite for serving Notices 3 times (including the present Meeting) amount 4 50/100 Dolls — On Motion an Order was directed to be drawn for the amount —

The following Resolution was on motion adopted, & Roberts Vaux, Jonah Thompson & Thomas Bradford Jr appointed a Committee accordingly, viz.t — Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the propriety of having the

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"Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of public prisons" incorporated, and if so whether any alterations or additions may be necessary in the present Constitution of the Society —

Adjourned

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 7mo 10. 1815

Present

Wm Rogers, S. P. Griffitts, Jos. M. Paul, Jas. P. Parke, Elihu Pickering, John Paul, Reuben Haines, Jonah Thompson, Joshua Allen & Caleb Cresson Jun.r

The Minutes of the acting Committee were not produced —

The Committee on the condensed Statement relative to the Penitentiaries, not being prepared to report, are continued

The Committee on the Subject mentioned in the Report of the Grand Jury of Bucks County are continued —

The following Report of the Secretaries was read, & the Letter & papers directed to be filed — viz.t

"The Secretaries respectfully report —

That they have rec.d a Communication from J. Broadhurst & Gershom Mott two of the Inspectors of the New Jersey State prison relative to that Institution —

Also a Letter from Thomas Eddy of New York accompanied with two Books containing an Account of the State prison of New York in 1801 and in 1815.

And from Samuel Green, Richard Ayer, John Bradley & T. G. Dearborn a Letter containing an Account of the Situation of the Penitentiary in Concord N. H.

By the Hands of our Vice President Willm Rogers

we

we have received an Elevation of the State Prison in Massachusetts, and one of the Work Shops in the same Institution, forwarded to him by Wm Collier Chaplain of said Prison —

All which are herewith submitted

Respectfully — 7 mo 10. 1815

The Committee to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature are Continued —

The Committee on the Subject of the Incorporation is continued —

James P. Parke, H. Connelly & Thos Bradford Junr are appointed to serve on the acting Committee for twelve Months

William Rogers presented from Jno Ramsford Chaplain of the Penetentiary of New York a publication relative to that Institution, accompanied with some Notes in Manuscript illustrative of some parts of its management which were directed to be filed —

adjourned —

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Publick Prisons 10mo 9. 1815. Present William Rogers in the Chair, Samuel P Griffitts, Isaac Parrish, Wm Garrigues, Henry Connelly, Joseph M Paul James P Parke William Wayne jr & Roberts Vaux. Reuben Haines, Jonah Thompson, Thomas Elihu Pickering, Joshua Allen —

The Committee on subjects contained in a presentment of the Grand Jury of Bucks County is again Continued —

The Committee on condensed Statement is continued —

The Committee to prepare a memorial to the Legislature is continued. —

The Committee for that purpose appointed made the following report viz

To the Prison Society.

The Committee entrusted with the Consideration of the question whether it would be advantageous to obtain an act of incorporation for the "Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Publick Prisons"

Report

That from the best consideration they are capable of giving to the subject it is their opinion that great benefit would be derived from an act of incorporation, they therefore submit two resolutions. viz

1 Resolved that a Committee be appointed to transcribe the Constitution of the Society in its present form, upon parchment, procure thereto the Signatures of the Members & otherwise cause that instrument to be fit (by submitting it to the Attorney Gen.l of the State & Judges of the Supreme Court) for the Seal & sanction of the Governor in order to incorporate the same. —

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2nd Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the draft of the President to discharge the expenses which may be incurred by the Committee in performing the duty assigned by the first Resolution. —

Very respectfully

(Signed) Roberts Vaux

Jonah Thompson.

9 mo. 27. 1815.

And the said report & resolutions were accepted and on motion ordered to lie over for future consideration. —

Dr. Griffitts proposed the reading of the Constitution, which being approved it was read - whereupon on motion Resolved, that the Constitution and rules of the Society be referred to a committee of six members, with authority to report such alterations therein as they may conceive necessary. Dr. Samuel P. Griffitts, James P. Parke Reuben Haines, Thomas Bradford jr Jonah Thompson & Roberts Vaux were accordingly appointed.

The Vice President read to the Society an extract from a letter he had received from John Sandford A. M. of New York, conveying with his "Christian Salutation" to the Society

a copy of a Sermon preached by him in the State Prison of New york, also a Census of the inhabitants in the charitable Institutions of that City; and on motion it was resolved that the Vice President present to John Standford Esqr. the acknowledgements of this Society—

Then adjourned—

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Publick Prisons, held 1 Mo. 8. 1816. Present Thomas Wistar, Vice President in the Chair, Samuel P Griffitts, Nicholas Collin, Jonah Thompson, Jos: M Paul, James P Parke, Reuben Haines, Robert H Smith, Benj.n H Yarnall, Thomas Shipley, Barth.w Wistar, & Robert Vaux. —

The Committees on the following subjects were respectively continued, viz.

Presentment of Grand Jury of Bucks Coy.

Condensed Statement.

Memorial to the Legislature. —

The Treasurer submitted his account for year 1815 which was referred for examination, & settlement to Benj.a H Yarnall & James P Parke. —

The following Report was read &

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adopted viz

To the Prison Society

The Committee for that purpose appointed Report, That in their opinion, it is not necessary at present to make any alteration in the constitution & Rules of the Society on account of the proposed application for a charter of incorporation, but that if the Society determine on making such application, that the form of Charter be referred to some person of legal knowledge.—

Signed on behalf of the Committee Samuel Griffitts

Phila 12 Mo. 27. 1815. —

The following named members were appointed an acting Committee viz

To serve for six months

Thomas Bradford jr
James B Thompson
James P Parke

For 12 Months

Reuben Haines
Thomas Ripley
Barth.w Wistar.

It being the period assigned by the Constitution for the Election of Officers

Joseph M Paul, & James O Parke were appointed Judges, who reported the following result.

President

William White, D.D.

Vice Presidents

William Rogers, D.D.

Thomas Wistar

Secretaries

Caleb Cresson jr

Roberts Vaux

Treasurer

Joseph M Paul.

Electing Committee.

James O Parke

Jos: M. Paul

Thomas Bradford jr

John Paul

Elihu Pickering

William Wayne jr

Joshua Allen

Benj H Yarnall

Bartholomew Wistar

Thomas Shipley.

(adjourned)

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At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Publick Prisons held 4 Mo. 8. 1816 - Present. Vice President Rogers, in the Chair, Dr. Griffitts, Nicholas Collin, Thomas Bradford jr Jos: M Paul, B. Wistar, R H Smith, B K Yarnall, & Roberts Vaux.

The Committee on presentment of Grand Jury of Bucks County, & on memorial to the Legislature are continued.

Thomas Bradford jr a member of this Society, and one of the Inspectors of the Prison, having procured a Statement of the Offences for which persons had been convicted, & imprisoned in the Penetentiary of Philadelphia from the year 1790 to 1815 inclusive, the Committee appointed on that subject are discharged.

Resolved that three hundred copies of the Statement be printed for distribution, & that Thomas Bradford jr & Robert H Smith be requested to superintend the Press, and make such alterations, and subjoin such explanatory notes to the document, as in their opinion may be necessary.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read.

The following report was received: viz

The Committee appointed to examine & settle the Treasurers having met and examined said account, find it correct, a balance being

due the Society of Eighty Six Dollars &
fourteen cents
1mo 8. 1816. Sign'd James P Parke
B H Yarnall } Committee

The Electing Committee reported that the following named persons were elected members of the Society. viz

George Williams, Samuel Lippincott,
Samuel R. Wood, Joseph Reed and
Joseph Roteh. —

A Communication was received from Gamaliel Bradford, Warden of the Massachusetts State Prison, in answer to a letter some time since addressed to the Inspectors of that Institution by the Secretaries of this Society, the reading of which was postponed. —

A Bill amounting to $16.50, for eleven meetings in Carpenters Hall during years 1814 & 1815 was submitted allowed & ordered to be paid. —

Adjourned

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 7mo 8. 1816 —

Present

Wm Rogers V.P. Samuel R. Griffitts, Thomas Shipley, William Wayne Jun., Bartholomew Wistar, Saml R. Wood, Jos. Reed, Henry Connelly, Nicholas Collin & Caleb Cresson, —

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The Minutes of the acting Committee were not read there having been no Meeting.

The Committee on the presentment of the Grand Jury of Bucks County was continued —

As is that on the Memorial to the Legislature —

Joseph Reed is added to the Committee on publishing the Statements of Convicts —

On Motion

Resolved that the Thanks of this Society be presented to the Society in London "for meliorating the Penal Code" for a copy of a publication in 4 Vols by Basil Montague, on the Subject of Capital Punishment, presented to this Society by the Hands of Caleb Cupson Jr —

Resolved that these Volumes, with such other Books as are already in our possession, be the commencement of a Library of publications on the Subject of Capital Punishments, to be enlarged as occasion offers — & placed at present under the care of the Secretaries

Resolved that the Secretaries be requested to forward to the Society in London Copies of all publications & Papers they may collect, & that may appear valuable to that Society —

adjourned

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of public Prisons 10 mo 14. 1816 —

Present

D^r Samuel P. Griffitts, Jas P. Parke, John Paul, Wm Wayne Jr, Tho^s Shipley, Barth^w Wistar, B. H Yarnall, Jos B. Remmington, Rob^t H. Smith, Jos^h M. Paul, Sam^l R. Wood, Joseph Watch, Robert Vaux & Caleb Cupson Jr —

D^r Sam^l P. Griffitts is the Chair. —

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The Minutes of the acting Committee were not produced, there having been no Meeting of that Committee —

The Committee on the presentment of the Grand Jury of Bucks County is discharged, & the Subject referred to the Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature —

The Committee on that Memorial is continued —

The Committee on publishing the Statement of Convicts is continued —

A Communication was received signed by Abraham L. Pennock resigning his Seat as a Member of this Society —

On motion, his resignation was accepted —

The following report of the Electing Committee was read & directed to be inserted on the Minutes —

"At a Meeting of the Electing Committee of the Philadelphia Society for the alleviation of the Miseries of public Prisons held 10 mo 14. 1816, present Jos. M. Paul John Paul, B. W. Richie, Thos. Shipley, Wm Wayne, B. H. Yarnall, & I. P. Parke

Philip Garrett was duly elected a Member

Signed by order of the Committee

I. P. Parke
Chairman "

An account of Jos. Kite, for serving Notices, was was presented & by direction an Order drawn for the amount 3 75/100 Dolls —

On Motion, resolved, that the Trustees of the property & Estate of this Society be desired to pursue the lawful means necessary to the collection of any Ground Rents not duly paid —

On Motion, resolved that Thos. Bradford Jr
Isa. P. Parke &
Jos. Rotch

be appointed to serve on the acting Committee till the Meeting next Summer, in the place of those whose time is expired —

Two

two Pamphletts being entitled "Divine Benevolence to the Poor a discourse by Jn° Stanford M.A." and "Report of the Society for the Support of the Gospel among the Poor" were presented by Dr Rogers from J. Stanford M.A. of New York — on Motion ~~Resolved~~ that acknowledgments of the Society were requested to be made to the Donor by Dr Rogers —

— Adjourn'd —

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 1mo 13. 1817

Present —

Thos Wistar V. P. Joseph Reed, Nicholas Collin, Elihu Pickering, Joseph Rotch, Barth^w Wistar, Joseph M Paul B. Hyannall, James Wood, Roberts Vaux, Reuben Haines, Rob^t H Smith, & Caleb Cresson. —

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read

The Committee on the memorial to the Legislature was continued —

The Committee on printing the Condensed Statement reported, that they had nearly completed the object of their appointment — and were continued to finish the same. —

Bartholomew Wistar, Roberts Vaux, & Benj^a Hyannall were appointed Members of the acting Committee for 12 months —

An account of the Carpentry Comp^y, amounting to six Dollars, was presented, and an Order drawn for the amt —

The Subject relative to applying for an act of Incorporation, being called up, and discuss'd, it was Resolved that when the Society adjourn it be to this day two Weeks, in order to consider the Subject fully, & that due notice be given. —

The Treasurers a/c was presented & referred to Benj^a H Yarnall & Reuben Haines for examination —

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A proposal was presented so to alter the Constitution as to admit of honorary Members — On considering which it was agreed to refer it to the Meeting to be call'd to consider the propriety of being incorporated —

The following Motion was considered & adopted, and Roberts Vaux & Joseph Reed appointed the Committee accordingly, viz.t

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to consider of a form of a Certificate of membership to be issued to the Members of this Society, with an appropriate device to be engraven thereon, and that they report when prepared —

The Society then proceeded to the annual Election, & B. Hyarnall & Reuben Haines were appointed Judges — who reported the following duly elected: —

President William White
Vice presidents — William Rogers, Thomas Wistar
Secretaries — Caleb Cresson, Roberts Vaux —
Treasurer — Joseph M Paul —

Electing Committee

James O. Parke, Joseph M Paul, Wm. Bradford Jr, John Paul, Elihu Pickering, William Wayne Jr, Joseph Rotch, Benj. H. Yarnall, Barth.a Wistar Thomas Shipley

Adjourn'd to the 27 Inst.

At an adjourned meeting of the Phil.a Soc.
for alleviating the miseries of Publick Prisons. held
1 Mo. 27. 1817. Present. Samuel P. Griffitts, Nicholas
Collin, Henry Connelly, I Parke, Jos. Reich, Jos. M
Paul, John Paul, B Wistar, Wm Wayne, J B Remington,
Samuel Wood, Thomas Bradford jr. Philip Garrett,
Reuben Haines & Roberts Vaux.

Nicholas Collin was appointed Chairman.

The alteration proposed at the last meeting, to
be made in the Constitution, being taken up,
on motion of Nicholas Collin & Dr. Griffitts, the
word "honorary", was stricken from the proposition
and the word "corresponding" inserted in its place.
Whereupon it was resolved that the following
Article be added to the Constitution viz

Art: 10. Corresponding members may be elected,
not resident in the City of Phil.a nor within ten
miles thereof, who shall not be required to make
pecuniary contributions to the funds of the Society,
nor sign the Constitution.—

Which on motion was referred to Sam: P Griffitts
Thomas Bradford jr & Roberts Vaux. with authority
to examine it in conjunction with the other
articles of the Constitution, making therein any
alterations which may be deemed necessary &
report the same to a future meeting.—

The Question of the propriety of making application
for a charter of Incorporation, being put, after
some time spent thereon, the subject was again
referred for future attention—

Adjourned.

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At a Meeting of the Philad.a Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held 4 mo 14. 1817

Present

Wm Rogers. V.P. N. Collin, Aq. Connelly, Jos. Reich Wm Wayne Jr, Ph. Nanx, Wm A. Smith, Revd Abm Haines, Jonah Thompson & Caleb Cresson.

The Books of the acting Committee were not produced, as the Secretary was out of Town, but a Partial Report was made by a Member, that frequent Visits had been made to the Prison, & that a large number of Persons had been relieved during the late inclement Winter.

The Committee on the Memorial to the Legislature was again continued.

The Committee on printing the condensed Statement, reported, that the object was now completed, & they produced 300 Copies, which were directed to be deposited with the Secretary for the use of the Members.

Reuben Haines presented a Letter dd. by Richard Sullivan & Wm Tudor, a Committee appointed by the Legislature of Massachusetts to visit, among other places, the Prison in this City, & to obtain information on the Penal Laws of the State. — at the request of the Society those Gentlemen

were

were introduced, & their Commission from the Governor of Massachusetts was read.—

On Motion, resolved,

That 25 Copies of the Historical view of the operation of the Penal Code in Penn.a be presented to those Gentlemen to be distributed as they may think proper.—

Resolved that a Copy of this Minute be also presented signed by the Secy.

The Committee on the form of a Certificate for the Members of this Soc.y was continued, they not being prepared to report.—

The question relative to the propriety of this Soc.y being incorporated was again postponed.—

Adjourned

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 7.mo 16. 1817

Present

W. Rogers V.P. S.P. Griffitts, Jos. Roth, Jos. M. Paul & Jno Paul who not being a quorum

Adjourn'd

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 10 mo. 13 1817

Present Wm Rogers V.P. S. P. Griffitts Nich.s Collin, Roberts Vaux, John Paul, Jas P. Parke, Elihu Pickering, Bart.w Wistar, Jos. Roth, Thos Shipley, Joseph M Paul Samuel Lippincott & Caleb Cresson.—

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The Minutes of the Acting Committee were read.—

The Committee on the Memorial to the Legislature is continued to attend to the subject referred to them — It being represented that the Inspectors of the Prison have it under consideration to present a Memorial to the Legislature, relative to building one or more Penitentiaries in the Western parts of the State; on consideration of which the same Committee are requested to enquire into the subject, & if they think proper, also to prepare a Memorial.— Dr. Griffitts being added to the Committee —

The Committee on the form of a Certificate for the Members of this Society was again continued, James P. Parke & Caleb Cresson being added to the Committee —

The Question relative to the propriety of this Society being incorporated, is postponed —

The following report of the Electing Committee was read & adopted — and the Secretary was directed to inform the several corresponding Members of their election. — viz —

"At a Meeting of the Electing Committee of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 10mo 13. 1817, present Elihu Pickering, Jos. McPaul, John Paul, Thomas Shipley, Jos. Rotch, Bartholomew Wistar & J. P. Parke; the the following were duly elected

Abraham Shoemaker Jr. resident Member

Corresponding Members

William Dillwyn of London
William Allen . do
Sir Samuel Romilly . do
Henry Gregoire, formerly Bishop of Blois, at Paris

John Mantaf

John Stanford . New York
Thomas Eddy . do.
James Trimble . Harrisburgh . Pa.
Richard Sullivan Boston
Wm Tudor . . do

On behalf of the Committee
James P. Parke, Chairman"

Bills were presented & Orders drawn for the respective amounts viz

Jon.a Kite serving Notices 5 times including this Meeting .	D.s 6.25
Jas. P. Parke printing 1500 Notices .	7.—

Jas. P. Parke Joseph Rotch and Thomas Shipley were appointed to serve on the acting Committee till the Quarterly Meeting next Summer—

Adjourned—

At a Special Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public prisons held 11 mo 25. 1817

Present—

Wm Rogers. V. P.— Tho.s Wistar, Nicholas Collin Sam.l B. Griffitts, Henry Connelly, Benj.a H. Yarnall, Ja.s P. Parke, Tho.s Shipley, Roberts Vaux, Jonah Thompson, Joseph Read, Thomas Bradford Jr and Caleb Cresson.—

The Committee on the form of a Certificate of Membership, reported a design of one, drawn by Gideon Fairman.—

On Motion it was agreed to reconsider the Motion of 1.mo 1. 1817 appointing a Committee on the Subject.— after discussion it was determined to postpone the consideration of the Subject for the present.—

Moved

Moved & resolved that a Committee be appointed to procure a more convenient room for the Meetings of this Society. Jonah Thompson & Thomas Bradford were appointed —

Adjourned —

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 1 mo 12. 1818

Present —

Thomas Wistar V. P. — Saml. R. Griffitts, Nichs Collin, Henry Connelly, George Williams, Joseph M. Paul Jams. P. Parke, Robert Vaux, William Wayne Jr, Benj. H. Yarnall, Thomas Shipley, Joseph Rotch, J. B. Remington, Rt. H. Smith & Caleb Cresson —

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read; among other Objects therein contained was the following Minute, viz "The great increase of Prisoners in the Penitentiary, for whose relief under certain circumstances no legal provision is made, & the funds of the Prison Society being inadequate to afford the necessary assistance, Resolved that it be recommended to the Society to take this Subject into consideration as soon as practicable" — On considering the Subject it was concluded to refer it back to the acting committee to make a more full enquiry & report on the Subject. —

The acting Committee also refer to the Society the following Letter viz

"Rt. Revd. William White D.D.

President of the Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons

Sir Philadelphia June 20. 1817

The "Pennsylvania Society for the promotion of Public Economy" having been lately established for purposes whose nature, we presume, is well known,

it

is desirous of obtaining the periodical Reports of the managers of charitable societies, and all other documents of a statistical or economical nature, embraced within the design of such institutions respectively, in order that they may be preserved in our Library, and that a ready reference may be made to them — We therefore request that you will be pleased to transmit to the Secretary Mr Samuel Hazard No 145 Mulberry St., all papers or documents which may come within the above descriptions, and have been published by the Society over which you preside.

Joseph P. Norris
John Vaughan
Jam. P. Porter
Samuel Hazard
Zacharias Poulson
} Library Committee

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On consideration which the Secretary was directed to furnish the documents called for —

The Treasurers Acct. was produced & referd to A. R. Yarnall & T. Shipley to examine it, & if found correct it was directed to be copied on the Minutes

An Acct. of the Carpenters Company was presented, for the use of the Room for eight Meetings, which was referd to Jos. Ritch & Caleb Cresson to examine, & pay —

The Committee on the Memorial to the Legislature produced a draft of a Memorial, which after some alteration was adopted, & ordered to be signed by a number of the Members on behalf of the Society, & forwarded by the Committee who drew it, viz.

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general Assembly met, The Memorial of the Subscribers,

Respectfully sheweth —

"Respectfully sheweth

That in the Year 1787 an Association was formed by a Number of the Inhabitants of Philad.ª for the purpose of lessening the Evils and Miseries of Prisons, and of promoting an amelioration of the Penal Laws of this State, under the Title of "the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of public Prisons," which Society have continued their attention to the Subject until the present time and have the satisfaction in common with their Fellow Citizens of witnessing considerable improvement in the management of the Prison in this City, But, the progress of which they apprehend is obstructed and many other evils experienced by the necessity of crowding into that Establishment great numbers of Convicts from all parts of this populous State — They therefore Respectfully Request of the Legislature to consider the Propriety and expediency of erecting Penitentiaries in suitable parts of the State, for the more effectual employment and separation of the Prisoners, and of proving the efficacy of Solitude on the Morals of those unhappy Objects —

Signed on behalf of the Society

Wm White

Thomas Wistar

Samuel P Griffitts

Joseph Cruikshank

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The Subject of a form of a Certificate, was postponed to next Meeting.—

Bartholomew Wistar Roberts Vaux & B. Yarnall were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for 12 Months, and Joseph Rotch requesting to be released Robt. H. Smith is appointed in his place the next Summer.—

The annual Election was then gone into, and Roberts Vaux and James P. Parke were appointed as Judges, who reported the following duly elected Officers for the present Year—

President
William White
Vice Presidents
William Rogers
Thomas Wistar
Secretaries
Caleb Cresson
Roberts Vaux
Treasurer
Joseph M Paul

Electing Committee

James P. Parke	Joseph M Paul
Elihu Pickering	John Paul
Joseph Rotch	Wm Wayne Jr
Bart.w Wistar	Benj. H. Yarnall
Henry Connelly	Thomas Shipley

Report was made that the Committee have engaged a Room in the third Story in the front Building of the Carpenters Company

Adjourned

Dr. "The Philad.a Society for alleviating the Miseries of public Prisons" in Acc.t with Joseph M. Paul. Treas.r Cr.

1817 1 mo 15	To Cash	paid Society's Order to Carpenters Comp.y for 6 meetings of Society in Carp.rs Hall in 1816.	6.00	1817 1 mo	By Balance due the Society as p. Acc.t rendered		172.05
25	To. do.	Order of acting Committee in favr. of Bart.m Wistar for Supplies furnished Prisoners	113 97	4 mo 4	By Cash rec.d for 3 Obligations Note, being for 2½ years Ground Rent of 45 Dollars p. annm. to 10 mo.l 1816 on a Lot in Marshall Court, late John Warners Estate	112.50	
5 mo 13	To. do.	Order of Vice President Wistar in favr. of Wm. Duane for cost of 3000 Pamphlets (Schedule of Prisoners &c)	30.19		also for Int.t on said Rents until paid	8.77	121.27
6 mo 9	To. do.	Order of acting Committee in favr. of Jos.h Ritch for Clothing furnish.d prisoners	45.65	17	By Cash of H. McCurdy for 6 months Ground Rent on the above mentioned Estate due the 1st. Inst.t		22.50
10 mo 16	To. do.	do. of Society in favr. of Joseph Kite notifying 5 Meetings of the Society	1.25	26	By J. M. Paul's Subscription for 1817	1.—	
17	To do	do James P. Parke print.g 1500 Notices	7.—		Thos. Wistars do for 1816 & Jos. Waynes for 1818	2.—	
1818 1 mo 3	To do	Order of acting Committee to B. Wistar Expenditures of said Committee	84.—		76 Annual Subscriptions from Members coll.d in Joseph Kite discarding his Comm.n on 78 $	70.50	73.50
7	To do	do do Expenditures of Visiting Committee	16.—	5 mo 15	By Cash rec.d from Thos. Hennefy Ex.r of H. Wayne for 1 yrs Ground Rent on Lot 8th below Arch.t p. due 4 mo.l last (the Legacy of Sarah Moore)		36.—
	To Balance due the Society		156.76	27	By do. from Charles Stow Exec.r to Zacary Stow dec.d for 1 yrs Ground Rent on Lot in Cherry below 10 Street due 5 mo.l last		28—
			465.82	9 mo 9	By do. from Alex.r Murray 1 Years Ground Rent issuing out of Lot No 104 South front Street due 3 mo 25 1817. 76 $ deduct 2½ Taxes 3.54 Cts Cancl.		12.46
							465.82
					By Balance due Society p. Contra		156.76

Having Examined the annexed account and compared the Items with their Vouchers we find a Balance due from the Treasurer to the Society of one hundred fifty six 76/100 Dollars

To the Philad.a Society for alleviating the Miseries of public Prisons

1 mo 21. 1818

respectfully submitted
Thomas Shipley
B. H. Yarnall

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Errors &c Excepted
Philad.a 1 mo 12. 1818
Joseph M Paul
Treasurer

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At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 4mo 13. 1818

Present

Wm Rogers V. P., Nicholas Collin, Sam.l P. Griffitts, William Garrigues, Joseph M Paul, Ab.m Shoemaker Jr., William Wayne Jr., Jonah Thompson, Roberts Vaux Thomas Shipley & Caleb Cresson —

The Minutes of the acting were not produced, the Secretary being absent from the City. —

The Subject referred to the acting Committee was continued under their care —

The Secretary reports that he has furnished the Secretary of the Library Committee with the Documents called for — and that the Bill of the Carpenters Company has been examined and paid —

The Memorial was reported to have been presented to the Senate and House of Represent.s where it was read & laid on the Table. —

The Committee reported having examined & settled the Treasurers Acco.t —

The Subject of a form of a Certificate was taken up, and again postponed. —.

It was agreed to meet at 4 o'Clock at the Stated Meeting in the Summer —

Adjourned

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of public Prisons 7mo 13. 1818

Present

Sam.l P. Griffitts, Jos. M. Paul, John Paul, Tho.s Shipley Wm Wayne, Ab.m Shoemaker, Jos. Rotch & Caleb Cresson who not being a quorum

adjourned

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 10 mo 12. 1818

Present Nicholas Collin, Samuel Pleasants, Elliston Perot, Roberts Vaux, Wm Wayne, Jos. M. Paul, Joseph Parrish, Elihu Pickering, George Williams, Henry Connelly, Thos. Shipley, Jno. Paul and Caleb Cresson. —

Nicholas Collin in the Chair —

The Minutes of the acting Committee were not produced, the Secretary of that Committee being absent from the City —

The Subject refer'd to the acting Committee was again continued under their care —

The consideration of the form of a Certificate being taken up was postponed indifinately —

A Note was received from Hugh Macurdy, directed to Jos. M Paul Treasurer, claiming the right to purchase a Ground Rent payable by him on the Estate of Marshall, Court.

On Motion the Trustees of this Society are authorized to Execute a Deed to Hugh Macurdy for the said Ground Rent, on his paying the stipulated Price therefor —

and Elliston Perot Geo Williams and Elihu Pickering were appointed a Committee to attend to the execution of the Deed, to receive the Consideration Money, pay it to the Treasurer, and lay out the Amount in another Ground Rent —

John Paul, Henry Connelly, & Nicholas Collin were appointed to serve on the acting Committee 'till the Stated Meeting next Summer —

A Letter was rec.d, Signed by Saml. Hoare Junr. Chairman of the Committee on Prison Discipline

Discipline in London dated "24 June 1818" accompanied by two Books — The Books were directed to be placed in the Library, and the Secretary to answer the letter.

an Account was presented from Jon. Kite for serving Notices five times, including the present Meeting, amounting to six dollars $\frac{25}{100}$, for which an Order was drawn on the Treasury —

Nicholas Collin and Thomas Wistar were appointed to call on David Ingersoll for the Book of original Minutes lent to him by direction of this Society, & Minutes of 1st mo 11th and 7mo 12. 1813 —

It being mentioned that there are no printed Copies of the Constitution remaining, a proposal was made to have 250 Copies printed — after some consideration the Subject was referred to next Meeting. —

Adjourned —

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of public Prisons 1mo 11. 1819

Present —

Wm Rogers. V. P. Nicholas Collin, Saml P. Griffitts, Jon. M. Paul, Reuben Haines, Bart.w Wistar, Roberts Vaux Wm Paul, Robt H Smith, Saml Sitgreaves, Elihu Pickering Abraham Shoemaker, George Williams & Caleb Cresson.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read, giving an account of the proceedings of that Committee for the last year. —

The Report of a Committee to enquire into the legal provisions for the subsistence of prisoners, made to the acting Committee & by them referred to the Society, was read, and Abraham Shoemaker Saml P. Griffitts & Reuben Haines appointed a Committee to consider & report thereon —

The Committee appointed for the purpose, report, that a Conveyance has been made to

Hugh

Hugh Macurdy for the Ground Rent, and the Consideration Money received by the Committee — but that they have not yet procured a Ground Rent in its place — On motion that part was continued under this care —

Bartholomew Wistar, Roberts Vaux and B. H. Yarnall were appointed Members of the acting Committee for the ensuing 12 months —

The Secretary reports having answered the Letter of Samuel Hoare Junr —

The Committee appointed to call on Jared Ingersoll for the Book of Minutes of this Society, are continued —

The proposal for printing the Constitution was taken up, & postponed to next Meeting —

The annual a/c of Jos. M. Paul, Treasurer, was read, & referred for examination to Benj. H. Yarnall & B. Wistar; if found correct it was directed to be copied on the Minutes —

The annual Election was then gone into, Abraham Shoemaker & John Paul, being appointed Tellers, who reported the following duly elected —

President — Wm White —
Vice Presidents — Wm Rogers.
Thomas Wistar
Secretaries — Caleb Cresson
Roberts Vaux
Treasurer — Joseph M Paul
Meeting Committee — James P. Parke
Elihu Pickering
Joseph Rotch
Bartm. Wistar
H. Connelly
Joseph M Paul
John Paul
Wm Wayne Jr
B. H. Yarnall
Thos. Shipley

Adjourned

Dr. The Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons in Ac with Jon. M. Paul, Treas.r Cr.

1818 2 mo 11	To Cash paid Order to Th. Shipley for clothing furnished to the untried prisoners . .	$ 55.40	1818 1 mo 12	By balance in hand at last Settlement		156.76
5 mo 1	To ditto to Carpenters Co. for use of their Hall	13.50	4 mo 12	By 1 1/2 Yr.s Rent due 1 Inst. on Estate in Marshall Court - rec.d from W. McCurdy . . 45 —		
10 mo 13	To ditto Jon. Kite, his Ac.t serving Notices of Meetings of the Society . .	6.25		annual Subscriptions from 73 Members of the Society after deducting 5 1/2 Cr. Commiss.n charged by Jon.a Kite for collecting . . . 67.89		112.89
	To Balance due the Society . . .	294.48	29	By Subscr.s from 2 members after deducting Commissions for collecting . .		2.75
			6 mo 21	By 1 Year Gro.d Rent rec.d from Ex.rs of E. Stow due 5 mo 1. on Lot in Cherry below 10.th St.		28 —
			8 mo 31	By 1 Year Gro.d Rent rec.d from A. Murray due 3 mo 25 on Lot in Front below Walnut St. deduct Taxes p.d by A. Murray . 16 — 1.77		14.23
			12 mo 5	By 1.a Yr.s Gro.d Rent rec.d from A. Howell on Ac.t of the Estate of R. Rayne dec.d due 10 mo 1. 1818 on Lot on 8.th below Mulb.y St. 36 Ft. Fran.		54 —
				By J. M. Paul Subscription for 1818 . . .		1 —
		369.63				369.63
				By Balance due the Society & Contra .		294.48

Errors Excepted Philad. 1 mo. 1819
Jon. M. Paul
Treasurer

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On examination the within Account we find it correct — a balance being due the Society of two hundred & ninety four Dollars 48/100

Philad.a 2 mo 2. 1819 Signed B. H. Garrick
Barth.w Wistar

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At a Special Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons, 2 mo 2. 1819 —

Present Wm Rogers V.P.
Mr. Wistar, N. Collin, S.P. Griffitts, H.J. Connelly,
Reuben Haines, Jos. B. Rennington, Barth.e Wistar
Jno Paul, Jonas Thompson, Jos. Parrish, B.th Yarnall
Joseph Kite, & Caleb Cresson —

A Letter was laid before the Society from Stephen Lushington (of London) dated Doctors Common Novem: 26. 1818 — requesting that the Society should consider a Report of a Committee appointed by the Legislature of South Carolina to enquire into the expediency of altering the Penal Code of that State &c. also requesting the Opinion of the Society as to the effects of the Penitentiary System. —

On Motion

Samuel P. Griffitts, Thomas Wistar, and Caleb Cresson were appointed a Committee to form a Draft of a Letter in reply, to be laid before the Society at a Special Meeting to be held on the Evening of the 9 Inst.

To which time the Society then

adjourned

At an adjourned Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 2 mo 9. 1819 — Present Wm Rogers V.P. — Sam.l Pleasants, Henry Connelly, Wm. McElhenney, Reuben Haines, Joseph M.c Paul, Wm. Wayne, Wm. Garrigues, Sam.l Lippincott, Thomas Bradford, & Caleb Cresson —

The Committee appointed at the Meeting on the 2.nd Inst., reported a draft of a Letter, in answer to that from Stephen Lushington, which was

considered

considered and adopted — It was directed to be copied, signed by the President & Secretary, & forwarded — being as follows —

"To the Committee of the Society in London for the improvement of Prison Discipline —

The subject of your interesting Letter of "Nov. 26 1818" has claimed our deliberate consideration —

Although the attempt has been made, amongst us, to lessen the commission of crime, not by the death of the offender, but by inflicting the punishment of privation, solitude and labour; yet the Penitentiary System, arising out of this change in our Penal Code, has not, from divers causes, been so effectually carried into operation, as to produce all the results, which reason & benevolence had fondly anticipated — From the experience already acquired on this important Subject, and especially during the three first Years, when the exertions of the Society were more actively employed in the direction of the System, we feel no hesitation in declaring, that the deficiencies which may have appeared, are not to be ascribed to the System, but to the difficulties which have occurred in reducing it to practice — Amongst the chief of these has been the impracticability of confining the Convicts to solitary labour — This has been owing in some measure to the construction of the building in which they are placed; it being the same which was used for the confinement of Criminals previously to the improvement of the Penal code — Hitherto all the Convicts of this widely extended State, have been sent to the Penitentiary in this City; which practice, besides other disadvantages, is attended with this injurious one; that a Convict from a remote part, whose term has expired, is discharged in this populous City, most probably unacquainted with any

any of its Inhabitants, except such as may have been his Associates in the Prison; at a great distance from his home, without Friends, & without Money, but with many temptations before him: Under these discouraging circumstances, it is not at all surprizing that he should recur to his former habits.

But a better state of things is opening to our view. — An additional Penetentiary is building at Pittsburgh, on the Allegany River, 300 Miles west of Philadelphia. — An Act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania has been passed, authorizing the Inspectors of the Prison, of the City & County of Philadelphia, and others, to sell the present Jail, and to erect another Building suitable for carrying the Penetentiary System into full operation — They are now engaged in this Business; and when it shall have been effected, then, & not till then, will the Experiment of preventing Crime, without taking Life, have been fairly tried —

We feel great satisfaction in your exertions in this dignified cause; & hope you will not be discouraged, by any partial considerations, from continuing to cooperate with us in endeavouring to establish the beneficent principle, that the prevention of Crime and the reformation of the Offender, is the object of punishment. — And whatever may have been the fears and the resentments of those times, which produced the too generally prevailing System, of lightly multiplying criminal Offences and of inflicting Death, & other odious Punishments; let us indulge the pleasing hope, that this System of ignorance & barbarism will no longer continue, to the disgrace of Nations & Governments, who are now arrived at the

highest

highest State of Civilization, and who profess to be actuated by the benign and salutary influences of Christianity. —

Respectfully
Wm White
President

By direction of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons
2 mo 9, 1816
Caleb Cresson
Sec'y

adjourned

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 4 mo 12. 1819. Present. William Rogers Vice President (in the Chair,) Samuel P Griffitts, Henry Connelly, Joseph M Paul, James R. Parke, Barth w Wistar, Thomas Shipley Joseph Rotch, George Williams, Elihu Pickering, Robert H Smith, William Wayne, and Roberts Vaux. —

The Secretary of the acting Committee was absent, and the minutes were not produced. —

The following Report was read & approved.

To the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Publick Prisons

The Committee appointed to have a conveyance of the rent charge of £45 pr annum on a Lot in Marshalls Court made to Hugh M. Cundy and to purchase another rent charge in lieu thereof

Report.

That soon after their appointment, the Trustees of the Society executed an instrument of writing extinguishing the rent charge of £45 pr annum on the

Lot in Marshall's Court, and that the sum of 774 50/100 dollars were received from Hugh McCurdy and paid to the Treasurer as will appear by his account leaving the amount at 16 2/3 years purchase $750, and of six months and sixteen days arrears of Rent $24.50 which had accrued on the day of extinguishment.

This part of their appointment being compleated the Committee made careful enquiry for another rent charge, but did not succeed in their endeavours till the 24th of 2nd mo. last when a contract was concluded for a Rent charge of 68 12/90 dollars issuing out of a Lot at the corner of Coates Street and Second Street in the Northern Liberties at twelve years purchase - this rent charge appearing to be sufficiently secured and punctually paid has been regularly conveyed to the Trustees of the Society and the title papers placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who has paid the order of one of the Vice Presidents therefor being Eight Hundred & Sixty Nine dollars viz

68 12/90 dollars at 12 years purchase	$ 817.60
Rent from 5mo. 1. 1818 to 2mo. 24. 1819	$ 39.40
Drawing Deeds	12.00
	$ 869.00

The Society perceive this amount exceeds the sum received for the rent charge in Marshalls Court $94 50/100.

(Signed) Elihu Pickering.
George Williams
Elliston Perot

Phila.a 4mo. 1. 1819.

The following Committees not being prepared to report were continued viz

To procure the original book of Minutes from Jared Ingersoll —

To consider of the proper disposition of the report of the acting Committee on legal provision for untried Prisoners &c —

The subject of printing the Constitution was again referred. —

The following report was read

At a meeting of the Electing Committee of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Publick Prisons held 4 mo. 12. 1819 present Jos: M. Paul, John Paul, Wm Wayne Jun.r Bartho.w Wistar H Connelly Thomas Shipley and James P. Parke —

the following were elected members

Joseph Williams — Jacob Thomas
Ephriam Haines — Joseph Pyle
Ellis H Yarnall

and a corresponding Member John Young of Greensburgh. Pa. —

Attest
James P. Parke
Chairman of Com.: —

A Bill from Joseph Kite for delivering notices of four meetings amounting to $5 was ordered to be paid by a draft on the Treasurer. —

adjourned. Roberts Vaux
Secy

At a Quarterly meeting of the Philadel-
-phia Society for alleviating the Miseries of
Publick Prisons held 7th month 12th 1879,

Present, Samuel P. Griffitts, Nicholas
Collin, George Williams, Jos: Reeds, Robt. H.
Smith, Z Poulson, Philip Garrett, and Roberts
Vaux, who not being a Quorum

Adjourned

At a Quarterly meeting of the Philadelphia
Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons
held 10th month 11. 1879. Present William Rogers
Vice President, in the Chair, Samuel P Griffitts,
Henry Connelly, Elihu Pickering Benj. H Garnall,
Samuel R Wood, Abraham Shoemaker, Bartholomew
Wistar, and Roberts Vaux.

The minutes of the visiting committee were
read. —

The committee to procure the original book
of minutes from Jared Ingersoll was continued,
as was likewise that to consider of the proper
disposition distribution of the report of the acting committee
on the provision made for untried prisoners &c.
The proposition for printing the Constitution was
was referred for future consideration. —
Samuel R Wood presented to the Society several
engravings of a plan of an improved Prison.
Benjamin H Garnall requesting to be released
from further service in the acting Committee,
it was agreed to, & Samuel R Wood appointed
in his place. —

Adjourned

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons, held 1 mo 10. 1820

Present

Thomas Wistar V. P.

Nicholas Collin, Sam.l Griffitts, Jos. M. Paul, John Paul, Bartholomew Wistar, Samuel R Wood, Wm Wayne Jr., Willm Ashby, Robt. H Smith, Robt Vaux, Thos Shipley, Joseph Pyle & Caleb Cresson.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read, together with a Report of the Visiting Committee giving a detailed account of the State of the Prison. — on considering which the following Preamble & Resolutions were presented and adopted, viz.t

From information received by the Report of the Visiting Committee it appears that two Subjects require the attention of the Society.

1.st The more compleat classification and employment of the untried Prisoners & Convicts. & Secondly — The abuses which exist in the Administration of the Laws by Magistrates in the Commitment of persons of various ages for trifling offences, to the great prejudice, as it is believed, of the Morals of those who are thereby subjected to imprisonment & intercourse with hardened offenders —

Therefore Resolved — That Thomas Wistar Roberts Vaux & Jos. M Paul be a Committee to communicate with the Inspectors of the Prisons on the more compleat Classification & employment of the untried Prisoners & Convicts. —

And that Sam.l R Wood Robt. H Smith & John Paul be a Committee to collect facts in relation to the last recited Subject, report thereon, & if they deem proper prepare an Essay of a Memorial to the Legislature for the future Consideration of the Society. —

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The Committee to call on Jared Ingersol for the Minutes is continued —

The Committee on the Report relative to the provision for untried Prisoners is continued. —

On Motion, Resolved, that a new Edition of the Constitution of this Society, not to exceed 300 Copies be printed & distributed under the direction of the Secretaries —

Barthol. Wistar, Roberts Vaux & Sam'l R Wood were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for six Months, & Joseph Pyle, John Paul & Henry Connelly for 12 Months —

The Treasurers Account was presented & Read, Barth'w Wistar & Tho.s Shipley were appointed to examine it, & if found correct, it was directed to be placed on the Minutes —

The Account of Joseph Kite for serving Notices three times, including this Meeting, amounting to 3 Dolls 75/100 was presented, and an Order drawn for the amo.t —

On Motion the Society then proceeded to the annual Election, Bart.w Wistar & Wm Wayne Jr being appointed Tellers who reported the following Officers duly elected

President
William White
Vice Presidents
William Rogers
Thomas Wistar
Secretaries
Caleb Cresson
Roberts Vaux
Treasurer
Joseph M Paul

Electing Committee

Joseph M Paul	Barthw Wistar
James P. Parke	William Wayne Jr
Elihu Pickering	Benj. H Yarnall
Henry Connelly	Thomas Shipley
John Paul	Samuel R Wood

Dr. The Philad.a Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons in Ac with Jos. M. Paul Treas.r Cr.

2 mo 8	1819	To Cash paid Order of acting Committee for Amt. of Clothing furnished Prisoners . .	67.46	1 mo	1819	By Balance due Society on old Account	244.48
4 mo 1		To ditto paid Geo Williams for Amt. of Ground Rent purchased for the Society, issuing out of Estate on 2.d Coates Street Yearly on the 1.st of 8 mo 68 3/100 Dls per an. Subject to Taxes .	817.68	4 mo 1		By Cash rec.d from Geo. Williams for Amt. of the Principal of Ground Rent on Estate in Marshalls Court, released to Hugh McCurdy by direction of the Society 750	
		for arrearages of Taxes, due when bought	39.40			also rec.d arrearages of Ground Rent to 10.th Month last . . . 24.50	774.50
		Expences drawing Deeds &c . 8 69 Cts	12 —	9		By Cash rec.d from Jos. Kite annual Subscriptions from 74 Members 74 — deduct J. Kite Com.n 7 pCt. . . 5.18	
15		To Cash paid Order to Jos. Kite serving Notices .	5. —				68.82
5 mo 20		To ditto paid Recorder of Deeds his Fees recording 3 Deeds for the above Ground Rent .	6.50			Amt. Jos. M Paul Subs.r . . 1 —	69.82
1 mo 10	1820	To Balance due the Society . . .	208.84	6 mo 19		By Cash of J. H. Schreiner, 6 mo.s Ground Rent on Estate in 8 below and S.t late Rob.t Baynes, due 4 mo.s last . . .	18 —
			1156.80				1156.80
						By Balance due Society Cr Contra .	208.84

On examining the above account we find it correct, a balance being due the Society of Two hundred & eight dollars & eighty four Cents —

Philad.a 1 mo 27. 1820 — Barth.w Wistar
Thomas Ridgway

Errors Excepted
Philad.a 1 mo 10. 1820
Joseph M Paul
Treasurer

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At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons 4 mo 10. 1820

Present

Wm Rogers. V. P.

Nicholas Collin, Wm Garrigues, Jams P. Parke, Geo. Williams, Elihu Pickering, Joseph McPaul, William Wayne Bart Henry Connelly, Thomas Shipley, Bart Wistar, John Paul, Robt H Smith, Samuel R Wood, Reuben Haines, Ephraim Haines, Sam Seppincott, & Caleb Cresson

The following report of the Acting Comte was read —

"At a Meeting of the Acting Committee of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons, held 4 mo 10. 1820 —

Present - Joseph McPaul, John Paul, Wm Wayne, Bart Wistar, S. R Wood, Elihu Pickering, Jams P. Parke Thomas Shipley and Henry Connelly —

The following Persons were duly elected Members of the Society —

Jams N. Barker Esq
Jams S. Barclay Esq
Jacob Randolph M D
and
Thomas Williams

Attest

Jams P. Parke
Secretary"

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read giving an Account of the present deplorable State of the Prison —

The Committee appointed to communicate with the Inspectors of the Prisons on the more compleat classification and employment of the Prisoners are continued —

The Committee to collect Facts in relation to the abuses which exist in the administration of the Laws

Laws in the commitment for trifling Offences, made a Report, which was read, & referd for future consideration —

The Book of Minutes has been returned to the Society. —

The Committee on the Report relation to the Provision for untried Prisoners is continued. —

The Secretaries have not yet had the Constitution Printed, for which they gave the reasons — they are continued — and are directed to annex a List of the Persons who have been Members from the Commencement. —

On Motion

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to prepare and submit to this Society a report exhibiting a view of the rise and progress of the penitentiary System in Pennsylvania, & of the Measures which are necessary to be adopted in order to carry that System into compleat effect: and that the Committee have access to the Minutes of the Society, and of the acting Committee —

Robert H. Smith Nicholas Collin and George Williams were appointed the Committee —

Adjourned —

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public prisons, held 7mo 10th 1820 — Present

William White Pres.t

Nicholas Collin, Jas. J. Barclay, Jos. B. Remmington, Sam.l Wood, Jno Paul, Rob.t H. Smith, Geo. Williams, & Caleb Cresson —

The Minutes of the Acting Committee were not produced, the Clerk being out of Town. —

The Committee appointed to communicate with the Inspectors of the Prison on the more compleat classification

classification & employment of the prisoners, are continued —

The consideration of the Report of the Committee to collect facts in relation to the abuses which exist in the administration of the Laws in the commitment for trifling Offences, is deferred to the next Meeting —

The Committee on the Report relative to the provision for untried Prisoners, is continued —

The Secretaries have not yet had the Constitution printed, they are continued for that purpose —

The Committee to prepare & submit to this Society a Report exhibiting a View of the rise & progress of the Penitentiary System in Penn.a, & the measures which are necessary to be adopted in order to carry that System into more compleat effect, made a Report in Writing, which was read, & referred to the consideration of another Meeting —

Bartholomew Wistar, Roberts Vaux, & Saml. R Wood are appointed on the acting Committee for twelve Months —

Adjourned —

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons, 10mo 9th 1820

Present.

William Rogers V.P.

McPaul, Barth.w Wistar, Henry Connelly, Will.m Wayne Jr, Saml. R Wood, Jas. S. Barclay, Jacob Randolph, Gw Williams, Jobn B Remmington, Roberts Vaux, Ephraim Haines, Elihu Pickering, & Caleb Cresson —

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read — that part of the Report of that Committee, made this Evening, relative to committing Vagrants

for trial is referr'd for consideration next Meeting.—

The Committee appointed to communicate with the Inspectors of the Prisons on the more compleat classification & employment of the Prisoners, is again continued —

The consideration of the Report of the Committee to collect Facts in relation to the abuses which exist in the administration of the Laws in the commitment for trifling offences, is deferr'd to next Meeting — Jas. J. Barclay is added to the Committee —

The Committee on the Report relative to the Provision for untried Prisoners is continued.

The Secretaries have not yet had their Constitution printed, they are continued. —

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Penitentiary System is deferr'd to next Meeting —

A Letter, addressed to Wm White, Pres.t of this Society, signed by Cadw.r D. Colden & others, a Committee appointed in New York, on the Subject of the Penitentiary System, was presented & read. On motion it was referr'd to Wm White, S. P. Griffitts, Thomas Wistar, James J Barclay, & Caleb Cresson, to consider, & report thereon to a future Meeting. —

A communication from Dr. Mease on the Penitentiary System was rec.d read, & ordered to lie on the Table

Adjourned to the 2.d 4.th Day in next Month, at 7 o'Clock P.M. —

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 11 mo 8. 1820 Present —

William White, President —

Wm Rogers, Sam.l P. Griffitts, Henry Connelly, George Williams, Wm Wayne Jr. Philip Garrett, Elihu Pickering Nicholas Collin, Jas. J. Barclay, Sam.l R Wood, Ephraim Haines, Thomas Bradford Jr. Samuel J. Robbins & Caleb Cresson —

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The Committee appointed at last Meeting presented a Draught of a Letter addressed to the Committee at New York; which was read, and after sundry alterations, agreed to — and directed that it be transcribed, signed by the President, & forwarded — it is as follows, viz:

Cadwallader D Colden
Peter Augustus Jay
James Milner
Thomas Eddy
Charles G Haines
} Committee &c

Philadelphia Nov. 8. 1820

Gentlemen

Your Letter dated "Sept. 1820" addressed to me as President of the "Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons", was duly laid before them, & they have directed me to answer it as follows.—

The Penetentiary System in Pennsylvania has in a great measure answered the purpose contemplated by its founders, so far as it could be conducted upon its original principles, and so long as the Prisoners could be kept separate from each other, and classed and managed according to the plan proposed by the Friends of the System. — but the Prison now used in this City is not much larger than it was 35 years ago, since which time there has been nearly a three fold increase of the Inhabitants of the State, from all parts of which, Criminals are brought to the prison

Having had so long, an opportunity of observing the effects of the Penetentiary System, this Society place full confidence in its efficacy, and have no doubt that if a Penetentiary

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was established, sufficiently large, & so constructed as to keep the Prisoners properly separated during the time of their Meals, Labour & Sleeping — if no Pardons were granted but in extraordinary cases — and if moderate Diet & solitary confinement were properly attended to, its efficacy would soon be evident? —

In reply to your Queries, we can state,

1st — The effect of the Penetentiary System in Pennsylvania to suppress Crimes, as compared with that of the Laws which existed in this State in relation to public Offences, prior to the adoption of the System, has been very great and highly gratifying. —

2d — We acknowledge that the practice under this System has not fully answered the ends of its Institution. — and this is to be attributed with us, in a great measure to the want of a proper establishment, in which the Convicts could be kept separate. — Also to the difficulty of procuring suitable employment — The frequency of Pardons, and the desolate condition of the Prisoners when discharged, are also great obstacles to their reformation

3. — To abandon the System would not, in our Opinion be politic or necessary — to attempt its improvement should be the future business of the Friends of humanity. —

4th No substitute offers to us, in case of the abandonment of the System —

5th — We do not believe it would better promote the ends of justice, or contribute to public Security to adopt Capital punishments to any

greater

greater extent than the present Laws embrace.

6th. We consider Transportation as inexpedient and think that if the Penetentiary System were carried into effect, the other would be unnecessary. — The Chain has never produced any good effect. — But could a full trial of Solitude, Labour & moderate diet be made, under the directions of suitable Agents, it is believed nothing further would be requisite. —

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society, for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons, held 1mo 8. 1821 — Present —

William Rogers, V. P.

Samuel R. Griffitts, Thomas Shipley, Joseph M Paul, Elihu Pickering, John Paul, Henry Connelly, James P. Parke, Bartholomew Wistar, Nicholas Waln Jr, Joseph Pyle, Wm Wayne Jr, Samuel Wood, Ephraim Haines & Caleb Cresson —

The Electing Committee made the following Report —

To the Philad.a Prison Society

At a Meeting of the Electing Committee of Phil.a Prison Society held at Carpenters Hall 1mo 8. 1821

Present Joseph M Paul, J. P. Parke, E. Pickering, H. Connelly, John Paul, B. Wistar, Wm Wayne, Th.s Shipley & Samuel R Wood.

The following Persons were duly elected Members of the Society —

William Price, M. D. of Philad.a

B. H. Coates . . M. D. of do —

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Corresponding Members

London
Stephen Lushington L.L.D
Tho.s F. Buxton
Peter Bedford
Ab.m R. Barclay
Henry G. Bennett
Th.s Farley Foster
William Crawford
Sam.l Hoare jun.r
Henry Newman
Richard Phillips
Wm F. Reynolds
Richard Taylor
Sam.l Woods
Basil Montagu

Liverpool
James Cropper
Wm Roscoe

Bristol
Joseph Reynolds
James I. Wright

Manchester
David Dickinson

Croydon
Frederick Smith

Norwich
Joseph John Gurney

Ipswich
Thomas Clarkson
Playford Hall

Paris
Com.te de Lasteyrie
L. R. Villermé M.D

St Petersburgh, Russia
Walter Venning
Prince Gallitzin

Joseph M Paul
Chairman

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read, together with a Report of their visiting Committee, exhibiting the present deplorable State of the Prisons. — The acting Committee were requested to publish, in the public papers, such parts thereof as they may think necessary.

The Treasurer presented his account for the last 12 months, which was read, and referred to N. Wain & William Wayne & to examine — If found correct it was directed to be placed on the Minutes. —

The following accts were presented, viz.t
Jos. Kite, serving notices 5 times, including the present Meeting, amounting to 6 Dolls 25 cts —
The Carpenters Co.s use of Room 5 Meetings d.o d.o 6. 50 cts
John Laval, do — 1 " " " 2. —
On motion Orders were drawn on the Treasurer for the respective amounts —

On Motion

On Motion, Resolved That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature on the subject of building a new prison —

Samuel R Wood, Wm Rogers, Saml P. Griffitts, James P. Parke & John Paul were appointed accordingly.

The following Committees were continued

The Committee appointed to communicate with the Inspectors of the prisons on the more complete Classification & employment of the prisoners —

The Committee on the Report relative to untried prisoners —

The Consideration of the Report of the Committee to collect facts in relation to the abuses which exist in the administration of the Laws in the commitment for trifling offences is continued to next meeting —

The Secretaries have not yet had the Constitution Printed, they are continued —

The Consideration of the report of the Committee on the Penitentiary System is deferred to next meeting —

The President has forwarded to New York the Letter directed last meeting —

On motion the Society proceeded to the annual Election, Caleb Cresson & Mr. Shipley being appointed Tellers; — who reported the following Members elected officers for the ensuing year — viz:

President William White
Vice Presidents — William Rogers, Thomas Wistar
Secretaries — Caleb Cresson, Roberts Vaux
Treasurer — Joseph M Paul —
Electing Committee — Bartholomew Wistar, John Paul, Henry Connelly, Saml R Wood, Wm Wayne Jr., Jas P. Parke, Ephraim Haines, Wm Morrison, Joseph Pyle, & Thomas Shipley

Joseph Pyle, John Paul, & Henry Connelly were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for the ensuing year —

Adjourned to this Night 2 Weeks, the 22 Inst., at 7 o'Clock P.M.

Dr. The Philad Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons in Ac with Joseph M Paul Treas. Cr

1820 1 mo 12	To Cash pd Order of Acting Com. dated 10 9mo in favr of Jos M Paul for Servds	171.27	1820 1 mo	By Bal due Society as Ac rendered	Dr	208.84
ditto	order of Sec. to Jos. Kite servg Notices 1.10 Ms.	3.55	15	By Subs. of R Vaux & J. M Paul for Year 1820		2.—
10 mo 19	Ditto acting Com. to B. Wistar dated 9 Ms.	15.62	2 mo 8	By 1 year Grd Rt due 8 mo 1. 1819 on Lot near the corner of 2d & Walnut Sts payable by 1 Presbt Church N. L.	68.13	
	To Balance due the Society	217.60		from which ded. Taxes pd by Si Church	8.16	59.97
			4 mo 12	By Annual Subs. collected by Jos. Kite for the present Year after deducg Commission &c.		73.43
			24	By 1 yr Grd Rt due 5 mo 1. 1819 on Lot in Cherry below 10 St; recd from Exrs of L. Stow dec.		28.—
			6 mo 17	By ditto due 4 mo 1. 1820 on Lot in 8th below Arch St recd from Estate of R. Wayne dec.		36.—
		Dr 408.24			Dr	408.24
				By Bal. due the Society Cr Contra	Dr	217.60

On examining the above Account we find it Correct — a balance being due the Society of two hundred Seventeen Dollars & sixty Cents

Philad. 1 mo 15. 1821

Signd Nicholas Waln
Wm Wayne

Errors Excepted
Philad. 1 mo 6. 1821
Joseph M Paul
Treasurer

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At an adjourned Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 1 mo 22. 1821.—

Present Wm White Pres.t

William Rogers, Nicholas Collin, Sam.l P. Griffitts, Ephraim Marks, John Paul, Thomas Shipley, Nicholas Waln Jr, Sam.l R Wood, Robt M Smith, Roberts Vaux, Joseph Pyle, Wm Price, B. H. Coates, Jacob Randolph, Joseph Reed, & Caleb Cresson.

The Committee appointed at last Meeting reported the Draught of a Memorial; which after sundry alterations was adopted, directed to be copied, signed by Wm White Pres.t Wm Rogers, Nicholas Collin, Samuel P. Griffitts, Joseph Reed Thomas Wistar Roberts Vaux & Caleb Cresson, & that a Copy be forwarded to each House of the Legislature.— It is as follows—

To the Senate & House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general Assembly met—

The Memorial of "The Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons,"

Respectfully Represents

That it is now nearly forty years since your Memorialists associated for the purpose of alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons, as well as for procuring the melioration of the penal Code of Pennsylvania, as far as these effects might be produced through their influence—

In the performance of the duties which they believed to be required of them, by the dictates of Christian benevolence, and the

obligations

obligations of humanity, they investigated the conduct and regulations of the Jail, and likewise the effects of those degrading and sanguinary punishments, which were at that period inflicted by the Laws of this Commonwealth. — The result of these examinations was a full conviction that not only the police of the Prison was faulty, but that the penalties of the Law were such as to frustrate the great ends of punishment, by rendering Offenders inimical, instead of restoring them to usefulness in Society —

With these impressions, alterations in the Modes of punishment and improvements in Prison discipline were from time to time recommended to the Legislature, by whose authority many changes were adopted, & many defects remedied. —

These reforms, from the nature of existing circumstances, were however of limited extent; but as far as the trial could be made, beneficial effects were experienced. —

Neighbouring States and remote Nations, directed their attention to these efforts, and in many instances adopted the principles which had influenced the Conduct of Pennsylvania.

At the time of making the change in our penal Code, substituting solitude & hard labour, for sanguinary punishment the experiment was begun in the County Jail of Philadelphia, rather than the execution of the Laws should be defered to a more distant period, when a suitable Prison might have been erected. — Under all the inconveniencies then subsisting, the effects produced were such as to warrant a belief that the plan would answer the most sanguine wishes of its friends, if it could be properly tried. — But the construction of that prison and its crowded situation, being the only Penitentiary used for all the Convicts of the State, leave but slender hopes of

of the accomplishment of the humane inten=
=tions of the Legislature.—

Your Memorialists believe that they discover in the recent measures of the Commonwealth, a promise which will fulfil the designs of benevolence in this respect; the Edifice now in progress at Pittsburgh for the reception of Prisoners, constructed upon a Plan adapted to Solitary Confinement, will go far toward accomplishing this great purpose; and your Memorialists are induced to hope, that the same enlightened policy, which dictated the erection of a State Prison in the Western, will provide for the establishment of a similar one in the Eastern Section of the State —

Reasons of the most serious and substantial nature might be urged, to shew the absolute necessity which exists, for a suitable Peni=
=tentiary in the City and County of Philadelphia, whether we regard the Security of Society, or the restoration of the Offenders against its Laws —

It will not be necessary here to recite the alarming proofs which might be adduced in support of their Opinions but refer to the Documents herewith furnished, which exhibit the actual Condition of the Prison —

Your Memorialists therefore respectfully request that you will be pleased to take the Subject under your serious Consideration, and, if you judge it right, to pass a Law providing for the erection of a Penitentiary for the Eastern Section of the State, in which

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the benefits of Solitude and hard Labour may be fairly and effectually proved —

Signed by Order of the Society —

Wm White. Pres.t
Wm Rogers. V. Pres.t
Thomas Wistar V Pres.t
Nicholas Collin
Samuel Powell Griffitts
Jos. Reed
Roberts Vaux

Attest
Caleb Cresson Sec.y
1mo 22. 1821

Joseph Reed, Sam.l R Wood & Roberts Vaux were appointed a Committee to examine, and select such parts of the Documents refer'd to in the Memorial, as they may think proper; and have a sufficient number printed, in the form of a pamphlet, to furnish each Member of the Legislature with a Copy

Adjourned —

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of public Prisons 4mo 9 1821 —

Present — William Rogers, V.P

Nicholas Collin, Sam.l P. Griffitts, William Garrigues, James I. Barclay, Nicholas Waln Jun.r, Abraham M.c Garrigues, Jas.s P. Parke, Elihu Pick-ering, Thomas Shipley, B. H. Coates, Roberts Vaux, Ephraim Haines & Caleb Cresson —

The Minutes of the acting Committee were not produced, the Secretary being absent —

The Committee appointed to communicate with the Inspectors of the Prisons on the more complete classification & employment of the prisoners, was continued. —

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The Committee on the Report relative to untried prisoners was discharged from further attention to the subject.

The Report of the Committee to collect facts in relation to the abuses which exist in the administration of the Laws, in the commitment for trifling Offences, was taken up, — after discussion, the Report was again refered to the committee for further attention.

On Motion Roberts Vaux was added to the Committee —

The Secretaries reported that 200 Copies of the Constitution have been printed as directed — a Copy has been sent to each of the Members in the City, & a Copy is ready to be sent to each of those residing at distant Places — They presented the Bill of Solomon W. Conrad, for printing the same amounting to 13 Dolls $\frac{75}{100}$, for which, On Motion, an Order was drawn on the Treasurer. —

The Report of the Committee on the Penitentiary System was directed to be put on file —

Report was made that the Memorial to the Legislature was presented to each House as directed — that, with the Documents, it was printed, and a Copy sent to each Member of the Legislature. —

Report was also made that a Law was passed at the late Session of the Legislature directing a new Penitentiary to be built.

A Bill of Wm Fry for printing the Memorial & Documents, amounting to 16 Dolls $\frac{88}{100}$, was presented, & an Order drawn on the Treasurer for the amount —

— Adjourned &c

At a Stated meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Publick Prisons held 7th Mo. 9. 1821.* The following communication was received and referred to the Treasurer, Secretaries, and Samuel R Wood to report thereon at the next meeting viz

(Circular)

The Commissioners appointed by the Governor under an act of the General assembly of the Commonwealth of Penn.a, passed on the 2nd of April 1821 have directed the following interrogatories to be submitted to the charitable societies in the City and Liberties of Philad.a with a request that they may be pleased to furnish such answers as their knowledge shall enable them to give in respect thereto. An early compliance with this wish of the Commissioners will essentially contribute to their qualification for the discharge of the important duties devolved upon them.

1. When was your Society instituted? & how many members belong to it.—
2. What sum has been expended annually since its institution?
3. How are the funds created?
4. Do you disburse money or clothing? State the proportions?
5. The avarage number relieved?
6. State whether, Males, females, adults, children, sick or infirm if possible, and how many of each for a series of years?
7. If any, what number of children do you educate gratuitously, and at what annual expense?

Be pleased also to state what in your opinion are the causes which produce the necessity for the relief which you distribute.

Signed by order, and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners on Pauperism

Roberts Vaux. President

Attested. J. M. Pettit. Secy.

Phil.a May 25. 1821.

James P. Parke Secy.
Pro. hac. vice. —

*Present Bishop White, Wm. Rawle, Thos. Sparks, Thos. Wistar, Nicholas Waln, Longstreth, Prof. Ripley, Wm. Paul, Edm.d Physick, Jacob Randolph, Wm. Meredith, Saml. R. Wood, Thos. Cadwalader, Thos. Hains, Geo. Nicholas, Saml. Jones, Jno. Connelly & Wm. Parke. Rec.d his membership.—

At a Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 10mo 8. 1821. Present Wm Rogers Vice-President in the Chair, Wm Garrigues, Philip Garret, Jos: M Paul, Abm Garrigues, Nicholas Waln, William Wayne Jun. Samuel R Wood. & Roberts Vaux.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were not produced.

The Committee to prepare answers to the Queries of the Commissioners on Pauperism was continued. —

Samuel R Wood, Bartholomew Wistar and Abm M Garrigues were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for nine months. —

Adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held 1 Month 11. 1822. Present William Rogers vice President in the chair, Samuel P Griffitts, Nicholas Collin, Jos: M Paul, Abm M Garrigues, Nicholas Waln Jr Bartholomew Wistar Thomas Shipley, Benjamin H Coates, Geo: Williams, William Wayne, Joseph Reed, and Roberts Vaux.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were not produced, no meeting having taken place since they were last read to the Society. —

A bill of the Carpenters Company amounting to $7. 50/100 was produced and ordered to be paid —

The following Replies to the inquiries of the Commissioners on Pauperism were adopted viz.

1st The Society was instituted in 1787.

2ly Seventy five members now belong to it.
3ly For the last ten years the avarage expenditure has been 113 Drs pr annum.
4 Supported by annual subscriptions of the Members, by Legacies & donations.
5th Cloathing is furnished to untried prisoners and vagrants, and some instances of relief to prisoners confined for debt by the payment thereof have occured.—
6ly About 75 persons of the above description are annually relieved.
7ly One great object of the Society is to examine the effects of Penitentiary punishments, & promote reform in the penal code of Penna. for which purpose it was founded thirty five years ago.—

J. J. Barclay, Benj. H Coates, & Nicholas Waln were appointed to serve on the acting committee for one year.—

The Treasurer submitted his account showing a balance due to the Society of $349. 14. to examine it Thomas Shipley & Nicholas Waln were appointed.—

On Motion Resolved that it is expedient to appoint two counsellors of Law to advise the acting committee in the performance of its duties, which Counsellors shall serve without pecuniary compensation— Resolved further that to the list of officers provided to be appointed by the constitution be added, "two Counsellors".

Joseph M Paul & Roberts Vaux were appointed judges of the election who reported the following officers as duly chosen viz.

President
William White D.D.
Vice Presidents
William Rogers DD.— Thomas Wistar,

Secretaries
Roberts Vaux — Bartholomew Wistar

Treasurer
Joseph M Paul

Electing Committee
Abraham M Garrigues
Henry Connelly
Samuel R Wood
William Wayne
James P. Parke
Thomas Shipley
Nicholas Waln Jr.
I. I. Barclay
George Williams
Benjamin H Coates.

Since the last meeting of this Society Caleb Carlton who acted as one of its secretaries for many years has deceased, his services are remembered with respect by his survivors, and this testimony of their recollections of them, is directed to be recorded on the minutes.—

Adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Philadᵃ Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 4 Mo. 8. 1822. Present Dr Rogers (in the Chair) Dr Samuel P. Griffitts, Nicholas Waln Jr I. I. Barclay Dr Coates, Wm Garrigues, Dr Collin, Abm M Garrigues Dr Price & Roberts Vaux.

The acting Committee submitted its Minutes which were read & approved.—

Among other instances of oppression the Commitment of persons for small offences is recommended to the especial notice of the Society.

The Committee appointed to examine the

Treasurer's account reported that the duty had been complied with, that the same was found to be correct.—

On motion Resolved, that the amendment to the Constitution proposed at a former meeting to add to the list of officers "two Counsellors" be adopted, & the same was adopted.—

Whereas the Society has determined that to the list of officers be added "two Counsellors", and as the election of those counsellors cannot take place until the annual meeting next year, Resolved that the acting committee be authorized to employ ad interim such qualified legal characters members of this Society as may be disposed to accept & discharge the important duties of that Station—

The Society being informed that many instances of oppressive & illegal exercise of power by Magistrates have taken place in the County of Philad[a]— Resolved that Dr. Rogers, J. J. Barclay & Roberts Vaux be a committee to communicate with the Governour in relation to these circumstances.—

The Society then adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Philad[a] Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 7 mo. 1822.

A Quorum not appearing

Adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 10 mo. 14. 1822. Present Dr. Rogers Vice President in the Chair, Nicholas Collin, William Savigues, Nicholas Waln, J. J. Barclay,

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James P. Parke, Abm. McGarriques, Thos. Shipley, Elihu Pickering, Henry Connelly, Wm. Wayne B. Wistar, Jos. B. Remington, Robert H. Smith Samuel R Wood Dr. Coates, & Roberts Vaux.

The Committee appointed to communicate with the Governor respecting the oppressive & illegal exercise of power by some of the Magistrates of the County of Philad.a, reported having given some attention to that service. The Committee was on motion continued.

Samuel R Wood, Abm. McGarriques & B Wistar were appointed on the acting Committee for Nine months.-

The Electing Committee reported that William Duncan, Henry Toth & William R Keating were duly elected members of this Society.

Resignations from the following members were read, & accepted, viz William Rawle, Thomas Sobton, Benjamin Horner, Jos: Pyle, William McIlhenney, Dr. Wm. Price, & William Bradford.-

The Minutes of the acting Committee for the last six months were read, from which it appears that much attention has been given to the duties of its appointment several highly interesting subjects having claimed its care during that period.- On motion resolved that the Secretary be directed to publish such parts of the report of the visiting to the acting Committee, & of the documents which accompany it, as may be deemed proper.-

On motion resolved that the opinion of the Counsellors be taken as it regards the legality of Masters to imprison their apprentices, & if such imprisonments should be found to be unjustifiable

then to represent to the Inspectors of the Prison, the propriety of confining such persons in a manner most conducive to their reformation. — On motion of Samuel R Wood the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that a committee of five members be appointed to inquire whether it will be practicable and expedient to establish an Asylum for the reception and employment of such convicts as may be ~~unable~~ unable when discharged from Prison to obtain work & may be deserving of the assistance of this Society. — Samuel R Wood, Roberts Vaux, James P. Parke James J. Barclay & Elihu Pickering were appointed to that service.

Then adjourned. —

At a Stated meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Publick Prisons held 11th Mo. 13. 1823. Present. Dr. Rogers, Vice Pres. in the chair, Dr. Ellis, James P. Parke, Nicholas Waln Dr. Coates, J. J. Barclay, S. R. Wood, Jos. M. Paul, & Messrs. M. Garniques, B. Wistar, Thos. Shipley, Henry Connelly, Wm. H. Keating & Roberts Vaux.

The Minutes of the acting Com: were read. — The Electing Committee reported that Saml. B. Wylie Geo: Boyd, Jackson Kemper, Wm. M. Engles, David Gallagher, John M. Read, Jos. P. Engle & Wm. Beck had been duly chosen Resident members, & Joseph Spencer a corresponding member of this Society. — The Com: to confer with the Governor on the subject of the illegal & oppressive exercise of power by some of the Magistrates was continued. — Bills as follow, viz John Chapman for delivering notices to the 13th inst amt. to $8.75. Carpenters Company $6. & S. N. Conrad for 5$ were presented and ordered to be paid. —

The Com: appointed to

to consider the expediency of establishing an Asylum for Labour for persons discharged from Prison made Report, and submitted the following resolution

That a Comm: be appointed to ascertain whether a suitable House can be had for an Asylum for the reception and employment of such Convicts as may be unable to procure work when discharged from Prison, & what the probable expense will be. S. R. Wood. B. Wistar, & H Connelly were charged with the execution of that service. —

The Treasurer presented his account, which was read & referred for examination to Abm McGarrigues & B. Wistar.

On motion resolved that a Special Committee be appointed to inquire into the cause of the imprisonment of Henry Williams, & Thomas Johnston by John Shaw Esqr. — J. J. Barclay & Abm M Garrigues were appointed. —

Resolved that James P. Parke, Henry Connelly, Wm. Keating & Abm M Garrigues be a committee to solicit clothing for the use of the untried Prisoners & Vagrants many of whom are represented to be in a destitute condition. —

The Society proceeded to the election of Officers for the year 1823, Nicholas Waln & J. J. Barclay being appointed tellers reported the following as duly chosen.

President

William White D. D.

Vice Presidents

William Rogers D. D. Thomas Wistar

Secretaries

Roberts Vaux Bartholomew Wister

Treasurer

Joseph M. Paul.

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Counsellors

James Gibson — James J. Barclay —

Electing Committee

Abraham M Garriques
Henry Connelly
Samuel R Wood
William Wayne
James. P. Parke
Thomas Shipley
Nicholas Waln Jun.
James J. Barclay
Dr. Benj. H Coates
George Williams. —

To serve on the acting Com. for 12 months. J. J. Barclay, Dr. Coates & N Waln jr were appointed, then Adjourned. —

At a Stated meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 4 Mo. 14. 1823. Present Samuel P. Griffitts, Henry Connelly, George Boyd, James J. Barclay, Abm. M Garriques, Nicholas Waln Jun. Nicholas Collin David Gallagher, Benj.mH Coates. William Wayne Jun. & Roberts Vaux.

Dr. Collin was appointed Chairman.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account reported that it was correct.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read. —

The Committee to inquire whether a suitable House can be procured as an Asylum for convicts &c was continued. —

The Committee appointed to inquire into the Commitment of Henry Williams & Thomas Johnson reported that attention had been given to the case & they being persons of colour the abolition Society had interfered & the men were released.

A bill 5 Dollars for the services of Jn. Deacon for an official list of all commitments for three months at the Prune St Prison was ordered

to be paid.— Adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held July 14. 1823 present Dr. William Rogers V.P. & Nicholas Collin, Abraham M Garrigues, Joseph M Paul, Thomas Shipley, Nicholas Waln, James P. Parke, Samuel R Wood, & J. J. Barclay.—

The Vice President was called to the Chair, & James J Barclay appointed Secretary pro-tempore.

A M Garrigues Chairman of the electing Committee reported that Charles A Poulson E.S. Ely, Enoch Allen & Edward Yarnall had been duly elected members of this Society.—

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read & approved.

The minutes & Sundry documents of the acting Committee were read, when on motion of A M Garrigues the acting Committee were directed to print such parts of said documents as they should think expedient.

The Committee who were appointed to enquire whether a Suitable House can be procured as an Asylum for Convicts, reported that they had endeavoured but without success, to procure a Suitable House. The Committee were continued—

Samuel R Wood, A. M. Garrigues & B. Wistar were appointed on the acting Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion of Jos: M. Paul, Resolved that a Committee of four be appointed to draft a memorial to the Legislature on the Subject of imprisonment for small debts, & petty offences

Jos: M. Paul, J. J. Barclay, Samuel R Wood & Thomas Shipley were appointed the Committee. When on motion the Society

Adjourned.—

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At a Stated meeting of the Philad.a Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held 10 mo. 13.th 1823. Present Dr. Rogers Vice Pres.t in the Chair, James P. Parke Abm. M Garrigues, George Williams, Dr. B. H Coates, Wm Wayne, Nicholas Waln, Elihu Pickering, Jos. B. Remmington, B. Wistar, J. J. Barclay, S. R. Wood, Thos. Shipley, Jos. M. Paul, & Roberts Vaux.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read.

The Committee on the subject of a House for an Asylum &c. were not prepared to report on motion they were continued.—

The Committee to prepare a memorial to the Legislature on the subject of Commitments for petty offences reported progress, & were continued.—

The electing Committee reported that Dr. George Uhler had been elected a member of this Society.—

A note from Jonah Thompson resigning his membership in the Society was read & accepted.—

Resolved that when the Society adjourns, it adjourn to meet on the 14.th of next month at 7. P.M.

Then adjourned.—

At an adjourned meeting of the Phil.a Soc.: for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held 11th Mo. 14. 1823. Present Thomas Wistar Vice President in the Chair, Nicholas Collin Thomas Bradford Jr. Jos. M. Paul, Abm. M Garrigues, Thos. Shipley, Nicholas Waln, Henry Toth Dr. Gallaher, Geo. Williams, Samuel R Wood, Benj. H. Yarnall, James J. Barclay, Dr. B H Coates, William H Keating, and Roberts Vaux

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The Committee appointed for that purpose at a former meeting, reported an essay of a Memorial to the Legislature setting forth the evils of imprisonment for small debts, & petty offences, which was read & considered. Whereupon it was resolved that it be recommitted to the same Committee with authority to enquire & report such other matters connected with Prison discipline as it may be proper to introduce to the notice of the Legislature. —

Resolved that Thomas Wistar, Thomas Bradford Jr. Bartholomew Wistar, Dr. B. H Coates & Roberts Vaux be added to said Committee. —

Resolved that when the Society adjourns, it adjourn to meet on the 2d inst. at 7. P. M. —

Then adjourned. ——

At an adjourned meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held 11th mo. 28. 1823. Present The President, in the Chair. Dr. Rogers, Thomas Wistar Dr. Collin, Abm. McGarrigues Samuel R Wood Dr. Gallaher, James P. Parke, Dr. B H. Coates, Edward Yarnall, James J Barclay, & Roberts Vaux. —

On motion adjourned

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At a meeting of the Philad.a Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held 1st mo. 12. 1824 Present The President in the Chair, Dr. Rogers, N Collin, N Waln.r W. Wayne, J. M. Paul, Enoch Allen, J Shipley, E. Haines, S. R. Wood, Ellis Yarnall, Edward Yarnall, J. J. Barclay, Dr. B. H. Coates, Jos: Reed, & R Vaux.

The Committee to inquire for an Asylum &c reported further attention to the subject & was continued.

The Minutes

of the acting committee were read from which it appears that due attention had been given to the duties devolved upon it.—

The Committee to prepare an essay of a memorial to the Legislature on the subjects of imprisonment for small debts & petty offences, & on Prison discipline &c reported have given much consideration to those subjects & was continued.—

The Treasurer submitted his annual account from which it appears that there is a balance in his hands due to the Society amounting to 399 Dollars 27/100 to examine the account Edward Garnall, & Thomas Shipley were appointed

Resolved that the said committee be requested to consider on the expediency of investing on interest 200 Dollars of the balance in the Treasurers hands with authority to make such investment.

A Bill of John Chapman amounting to $7.50 for delivering notices including this meeting was presented & an order for its payment signed by the President.

An abstract of an act of the British Parliament regulating prisons, & passed July 10th 1823 was read.—

Resolved that Nicholas Collin, Jos: M Paul, & S R Wood be a committee to inquire into the situation of Juvenile offenders, & afford such relief as may be deemed necessary.—

James J. Barclay, Dr. B. H. Coates & N Waln jr are appointed to serve on the acting Committee for the ensuing year.—

Resolved that Joseph Read, The President, & R Vaux be a committee to inquire what is the mode adopted by the Inspectors of the Prison in keeping the accounts of the Institution with the Prisoners, & whether the acts of Assembly are so executed as that those who suffer penitentiary punishment are rewarded for their extra labour.—

The Society proceeded to an election for Officers. Thos Shipley, & J. J. Barclay were appointed Judges who reported the follow result.—

President. William White

Vice Presidents. William Rogers - Thomas Wistar

Secretaries &c Roberts Vaux, Bartholomew Wistar

Treasurer Joseph M Paul.

Counsellors. James Gibson - James J. Barclay.

Electing Committee. James J. Barclay. Henry Connelly, S. R Wood. Wm Wayne, Enoch Allen. Thos Shipley, N. Waln Jr. Geo: Williams, Dr. B. H Coates. Edward Garnall.—

Adjourned.—

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held 4 mo. 12. 1824. Present Thomas Wistar, Vice Pr.t in the Chair, Geo: Williams, Nicholas Waln, Th.s Shipley Wm Wayne, B. Wistar, Dr. B. H. Coates, A.M. Jarriques, S. R Wood, J. J. Barclay, E.S. Ely, & Roberts Vaux. —

The Minutes of the acting Committee were produced & read. —

The Committee on the subject of a House of refuge reported some further attention there to, & was continued. —

The Committee on memorial to the Legislature was continued. —

The Committee reported having examined the Treasurers acct. which was found correct, & that of the balance in his hands they had purchased 20 Shares in the Stock of the Schylkill Permanent Bridge Company. — —

The Committee to inquire into the condition of Juvenile offenders reported attention to the subject & was continued. —

A Bill from the Carpenters Company for rent from Jan.y 13 to Nov.r 28 inclusive amounting to Nine Dollars, was produced & an order for its payment ijsued. —

The Committee on the inquiry concerning the remuneration of Convicts &c. is continued.

The Electing Committee reported that William H. Delancey had been chosen a member of this Society. —

James J. Barclay presented in the name of Rob.t Walsh two numbers of the Howard Gaz.te published at Boston the thanks of the Society voted to the donor. —

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The Society learns with regret, and it is hoped with proper submission to the Divine Will, that since its last meeting, the life of one of its Vice Presidents Dr. William Rogers has terminated. He was one of those who associated for the formation of this Society, & devoted much of his time & talents from that period to the close of his life in advancing its beneficient purposes. —

Adjourned.

At a ~~Stated~~ meeting of the Phila^a Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held 7 mo 12. 1824
Present six members — who not being a Quorum

adjourned

At a ~~Stated~~ Meeting of the Phil^a Society &c held 10 mo 25. 1824 Present N. Collin, D^r Gallahn, A. M. Garriques, S. R. Wood, J. J. Barclay N. Waln, & B Wistar who not being a Quorum

adjourned

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Philad^a Society for alleviating the Miseries of Publick Prisons held 1 mo 10. 1825
Pres^t Henry Connelly, Joseph M. Paul, Ab^m M Garriques, B Wistar, Nicholas Waln, Philip Garret, Edw^d Yarnall, Sam^l R Wood, Henry Troth, Ezra Ely, & Robert Vaux, Thomas Bradford Jr Mather Pres^t nor Vice Presidents being present Henry Connelly was appointed Chairman

The Minutes of the acting Com^e were read, as also a report of the Visit^g Com^e to the Act^g Com^e when on motion it was Resolved that the latter be referred to the act^g Com^e to be published under their direction.

The Treasurer submitted his annual a/c. which was referred to

to B. Vaux & P. J. Barclay, for examination, with in-
structions to invest such Sum & in manner as the Com.
& Treas. may deem proper.

A Communication was rec? & read from John Farr on
the subject of a Sunday School in the prison, in which
the aid of this Society is requested to procure Books - the
communication is referred to the acting Com.ee with au-
thority to expend a Sum not exceeding 20 ℔ if they see
proper —

The Society then proceeded to the Election of Officers for
the year 1825. — S. R. Wood & J. J. Barclay were appointed
judges, who reported the following persons duly elected viz

President Wm. White

Vice Presidents

Thomas Wistar & Nicholas Collin

Secretaries & Com.ee of Correspondence

Roberts Vaux & Bartholomew Wistar

James Gibson & J. J. Barclay, Councellors. —

Treas.r Joseph M. Paul

Electing Committee

Nicholas Waln, Henry Connelly, Samuel R. Wood, J. J. Bar-
clay, Edward Yarnall, Dr. B. H. Coates, Wm. Wayne, Henry
Troth, George Williams, Dr. David Gallagher ——

James J. Barclay, Nicholas Waln, & Dr. Benjamin H. Coates
are appointed to serve on the acting Committee for one year
and Samuel R. Wood, Ezra S. Ely, & B. Wistar for six months
The Committee on the Memorial to the Legislature not being
prepared to make a final report, are continued

Resolved that the acting Com.ee be authorized to expend a
Sum not exceeding 25 ℔ in procuring Books & Papers published
on the subject of Prison discipline & Criminal Jurisprudence

—— adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 4 Mo. 11. 1825.

Present. Nicholas Collin Vice President in the Chair. Henry Connelly, Abm. M. Garrigues. N. Waln, Henry Toth, Edward Yarnall, James J. Barclay Thomas Bradford Jr. Thomas Shipley, & Roberts Vaux.

The Minutes of the Acting Committee were not produced, but the Society was verbally informed that the Prisons had been visited, & some relief afforded since the last Meeting of the Society. —

On motion of James J. Barclay, resolved that the ~~Rules~~ be so amended as that seven members may constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Society, & that four members of the acting Committee be qualified to conduct its business. —

On motion the said resolution was laid over for consideration at the next meeting. —

Adjourned. —

At a stated meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 7 mo. 11. 1825 present Dr. Collin, James. J. Barclay, Nicholas Waln, Abraham M Garrigues, Saml. R. Wood, Wm. M. Keating, Dr. Coates, Thomas Bradford Jr and Roberts Vaux.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read from which it appears that some attention had been given to the duties of the appointment.

Samuel R Wood, B. Wistar, Dr. E. S. Ely were appointed to serve on the acting committee for 12 months. —

The proposition that seven members shall constitute a Quorum of the Society, & that four members of the acting Committee shall be competent to transact its business, was upon consideration unanimously adopted. —

On motion Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a House of refuge for persons discharged from Prison, to report at the next stated meeting.

Thomas Bradford Jr.

Saml R. Wood, & Robt Vaux were appointed the Committee

Resolved that Roberts Vaux be appointed to prepare a succinct view of the origin & labours of this Society with a statistical tables of the ~~persons confined in the Prisons~~ imprisonments. & of the existing reformed Penal Code.

Adj: no

At a Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 10mo. 10. 1825. Present. The President, Dr. Collin, Bartholomew Wistar, Dr. Ely, Nicholas Waln, William Wayne, Edward Yarnall Dr. B. H. Coates James J. Barclay, Philip Garrett, Roberts Vaux

The minutes of the acting Committee were read.—

The Committee on the subject of a House of refuge is continued.

Roberts Vaux informed the Society that he had given attention to the duty assigned him at the last meeting, but that he was not yet prepared to report, On motion he was continued to perform the service.—

On motion resolved that the President, Vice Presidents & B. Wistar, Dr. Ely be added to the Committee on the House of Refuge.—

The Committee some time since appointed to assist the Treasurer in investing certain Monies in his hands reported having accomplished that service & were discharged.—

On motion adjourned.—

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At a Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 1 Mo. 9. 1826. Present Thomas Wistar, Nicholas Waln, Bartholomew Wistar, James J. Barclay Samuel R Wood, Edward Garnall, Benjamin H. Coates, William H. Keating, Philip Garrett Thomas Shipley, & Roberts Vaux. —

Thomas Wistar, Vice President, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the acting were read. —

A communication from an association of females, who for several years have been engaged in visiting the women prisoners at the Bridewell, and extending towards them religious advice, & Counsel, was received & read, proposing offering to this Society their services to assist in the management of a House of Refuge for Juvenile offenders should an establishment be formed under its auspices. — referred to the Committee some time since appointed on that subject. —

Resolved that James J. Barclay, Samuel R Wood, & Thomas Shipley, be appointed to prepare and submit to a future meting an essay of a Memorial to the Legislature on the importance of an immediate completion of the Penitentiary erecting near this City. —

James J. Barclay, Nicholas Waln & Benj.n H Coates are appointed to serve on the acting Committee for one year. & Samuel R Wood, Es. Ely, & William H Keating for six months. —

The Treasurer submitted his annual account, which was referred for examination to Benj.n H Coates, & Bartholomew Wistar.

The Committee on the propriety of establishing a House of Refuge for Juvenile offenders not being prepared to report is continued. —

A bill from the Carpenters Company

for rent of the room used by this Society, amounting to Six Dollars was read & ordered to be paid. —

A letter from Elihu Pickering resigning his membership in this Society was read & accepted. —

Roberts Vaux read a memoir which had been prepared by him at the suggestion of the Society, entitled, "Notices of the original & successive efforts to improve the discipline of the Prison at Philadelphia, and to reform the criminal Code of Pennsylvania; with a few observations on the Penitentiary System." Whereupon it was resolved that this Society will purchase three hundred copies of the work when it shall be printed. —

The Society then proceeded to an election of offices for the current year Philip Garrett & Wm H Keating were appointed tellers who reported that the following named persons were duly chosen. viz

President
William White D.D.

Vice Presidents
Thomas Wistar
Nicholas Collin D.D.

Secretaries & Committee of Correspondence
Roberts Vaux & Bartholomew Wistar. —

Treasurer
Joseph M Paul.

Councellors.
James Gibson — James J. Barclay. —

Electing Committee

Nicholas Waln	Samuel R Wood
William H Delancy	George Williams
Benjamin H Coates	William Wayne
Edward Yarnall	William Duncan

John M Reade.

A communication was received from the

electing Committee dated October 24th 1825 from which it appears that Clements Stocker Miller, Jesper Harding, David Weatherby, Franklin Bache, Edward Needles, & John Parr had been duly chosen members of this Society. —

Adjourned. —

At a Special Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 11mo. 21st 1826. Present. Bishop White, Thomas Wistar, Nicholas Collin, John Bacon, Geo. Boyd, David Weatherby, Charles A. Poulson, Geo. Williams, Edward Needles, Wm. Beck, James J. Barclay, Abraham Shoemaker, John Paul, Jos. B. Remington, Ellis R. Yarnall, J. Wistar, Dr. Franklin Bache, Jacob Thomas, Wm. Wayne, Clements, S. Miller, & Roberts Vaux. —

The Committee on the subject of a House of Refuge for Juvenile Offenders made the following Report.

To the Philad.a Society &c.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the propriety of establishing a house of Refuge for Juvenile offenders

Report

That they have bestowed upon the subject the deliberation which it so manifestly deserves, & from the benefits which they believe have resulted to juvenile offenders, who in England & in the United States have been the objects of the care of such institutions, they are convinced that a House of Refuge ought to be established as soon as possible, in or near, Philad.a —

It has however become a question with your Committee, whether it would be either judicious or practicable for the Prison Society, as such, to attempt the formation & superintendence of an Asylum of the kind, which will require much greater funds than it can command, as well as extensive powers in law, which it does not possess. —

If it were

merely contemplated to afford an opportunity to the benevolent females whose communication to the society is before your Committee, to employ the kind exertions which they propose in relation to a few women after their discharge from Prison, such an experiment might be made, & the means to enable them to prosecute so good a work, would be promptly & cheerfully provided by the Society,- But your committee have been induced to take a more enlarged view of the case, & are brought to the conclusion, that the House of Refuge for Juvenile offenders whenever it may be organized, will require large pecuniary means & ample legal ~~enactments~~ authorities to carry it on with effect & success. —

Your Committee would regret if the present favourable moment should pass unimproved, & in order to ascertain whether the Citizens of Philad.a are prepared to adopt any plan in respect to this subject, they submit the following resolutions viz.

1st. Resolved, that however desirable it may be to establish a House of Refuge for Juvenile offenders in or near Philad.a, this society does not deem itself equal to so extensive an undertaking.

2nd Resolved, that the members of this Society as individuals, are anxious that an effort should be speedily made to establish a House of Refuge for Juvenile offenders, & that they will co-operate with such of their fellow citizens as may be disposed to accomplish that important object. —

3rd Resolved, that it is expedient to call a meeting of the citizens of Philad.a & the adjoining districts to confer on this interesting matter, & to take such steps thereon, as may be deemed proper. —

4th. Resolved, as the judgement of this Society that should a House of Refuge for Juvenile offenders be established, it will be essential to its usefulness to enlist the sympathy & services of judicious & religiously disposed females to assist in its

management, especially in extending advice & care towards the unhappy subjects of their own sex, who may be confined therein. —

5th Resolved, that notice be given in the news-papers of Philadelphia, inviting a meeting for the object above stated, to be held in the Supreme Court Room, on the first day of February next at 4 o'clock P.M. —

Signed. William White
Nicholas Collin
Thomas Bradford Jr.
Roberts Vaux
Bartholomew Wistar. —

Philad.a 1mo. (January) 18th. 1826. —

Whereupon the said report & resolutions were considered, & the same unanimously adopted. —

The following address to be presented to the meeting of Citizens, was considered & unanimously adopted. viz.

Fellow Citizens.

The Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons, which for almost forty years has directed its attention, & employed its efforts to produce improvement in prison discipline & to reform the criminal laws of Pennsylvania, trusts it will be excused for having solicited your attendance on the present occasion. —

The motives which have led to this measure, are of the same disinterested nature which produced its earliest efforts in the cause of humanity, & it assures you, that it now only seeks to be instrumental in producing results, which may promote individual well being, & thus enlarge the boundries of social order, & security. —

The important and judicious measures which the legislature have adopted, to give full effect to the improved modes of punishment

long since enacted, are familiar to you all; & as Pennsylvanians we have just cause for congratulation, that at the Penitentiaries located in the extreme eastern & western parts of the State, will, by the liberal policy of the General Assembly, soon be finished. — The public safety, not more than the deserved reputation of the Commonwealth in this particular are intimately connected with a speedy completion of those great works. —

Essential however, as such depositories are, for the safe keeping & reformation of criminals, the Society is of the opinion, that whatever can be done towards preventing crime, & checking dispositions in those who may have exhibited propensities to violate the Laws, are paramount duties, & ought to claim the serious consideration of every Christian People. —

Among other means which the enlightened philanthropy of the age has devised in this respect, are institutions for the confinement, and reform of juvenile offenders. — The success which has followed these efforts in England and in the United States is such, as to make it desirable to adopt a similar plan in this City, & the Society has for some time had it under consideration to commence upon a small scale, a House of Refuge for this unhappy description of persons. — A recent, & more minute examination of the subject, has however satisfied the Society, that an establishment will be required upon a more extensive scale than its means will enable it to form, & that legal powers which it does not possess will be required to give full effect to the designs. — This discouraging view of the case as it regards its own inability to perform what is so manifestly necessary has induced an address to your judgement, and an appeal to

your sympathy & benevolence on a subject which the Society trusts will enlist all those requisites for coming to a correct determination on the question. whether it be not expedient to organize a House of Refuge for juvenile offenders in or near Philad^a? As individuals the members of the Society are disposed to co-operate with you in this work of beneficence, & to contribute whatever may be in their power towards it accomplishment.—

The Society will in conclusion ask your especial notice of a single suggestion, the result of much observation & reflection, & which it believes ought to form a feature in the character of the contemplated institution, and that is the valuable results which may be expected from the voluntary services of judicious & religiously disposed females in extending advice towards individuals of tender age; particularly of their own sex, who may be the subjects of its care.—

By order & on behalf of the Society

Roberts Vaux Sec^y. Signed. William White

Phil^a Jan^y 21. 1826 President.

On motion resolved that the Secretary be requested to present the foregoing address to the meeting of Citizens.—

On motion resolved that Thomas Wistar, James J Barclay & Roberts Vaux be a committee to make such arrangements as they shall deem proper for holding the proposed meeting, & by special invitation to endeavour to procure the attendance of such of our fellow citizens a may be supposed to take an interest in the subject.

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On motion resolved that the acting Committee be requested to ascertain the number of persons confined in the Prisons of this City under the age of twenty one years, stating those below fifteen years, & designating the sex respectively.—

On motion resolved that the acting Committee be instructed to obtain as soon as published three hundred copies of the "Notices of the original & successive efforts to improve the discipline of the Prison at Phila & reform the penal Laws &c" to draw on the Treasurer for the payment of the Same, & take the necessary measures for their immediate distribution.—

Adjourned.

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At a Quarterly Meeting of the Philad.a Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 4 mo. 10. 1826. Present Bishop White, President. Thomas Bradford Jr., James J. Barclay, Jacob Thomas, Samuel R. Wood, Nicholas Collin, & Roberts Vaux.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for a public Meeting on the Subject of the establishment of a House of Refuge for juvenile delinquents reported, that they took the necessary measures, and that a Meeting of Citizens was held on the 7.th of Feb when resolutions were adopted for obtaining an act of incorporation which the Legislature has since granted.—

A letter from Samuel Coates resigning his membership in this Society was read & accepted.

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William H Keating resigned his seat in the acting Committee and Roberts Vaux was appointed to supply his place. —

Adjourned "

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 7 Mo. 10. 1826.

Present. Thomas Bradford Jr. Thomas Shipley, John Paul, Edward Yarnall James J. Barclay & Roberts Vaux. —

Thomas Bradford Jr. was appointed Chairman. —

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read. —

Edward Yarnall, Roberts Vaux & John Paul, were appointed on the acting Committee for twelve months. —

A letter resigning their membership respectively in this Society was received & read from Reuben Haines, Thomas Williams, Dr. J Randolph & Wm Garrigues. —

Adjourned "

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 10 Mo. 8. 1826, Present. Nicholas Collin, Thomas Bradford Jr, Abm M. Garrigues, James J. Barclay & Roberts Vaux who not being a Quorum adjourned. —

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At a meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 1 Mo. 8. 1827. Present. John Paul, James J Barclay, Edward Yarnall, Philip Garrett, Dr. E. Ely, Henry Both, & Roberts Vaux.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read.—

The Treasurers account was received and referred to J. J. Barclay, E. Yarnall for examination.—

Bartholomew Wistar, James J. Barclay & Dr. B. H. Coates were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for 12 Months.—

The following officers were elected for the current Year. viz.

President
William White

Vice Presidents
Thomas Wistar
Nicholas Collin

Secretaries & Com. of correspondence
Roberts Vaux, Barth. Wistar

Treasurer
Jos. M. Paul

Counsellors
James Gibson—James J. Barclay—

Electing Com:

James J. Barclay	John Paul
Roberts Vaux	Edw. d Yarnall
Wm. H. Delaney	Dr. B. H. Coates
Geo: Williams	William Wayne

Philip Garrett.

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At a meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 4mo 9. 1827. Present. Bartholomew Wistar, Dr. B. H. Coates, Dr. Bache, Edward Yarnall, David Weatherly, & Roberts Vaux, — who not being a quorum adjourned.

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At a Quarterly Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 7mo 9. 1827. Present. John Paul, Samuel R Wood, Ellis H Yarnall, William Wayne, Edward Yarnall, John C. Lowber, Wm H Delaney, Edward Bettle, James J. Barclay, David Weatherly, & Roberts Vaux.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read.

A bill of John Chapman amounting to $18 75/100 for delivering notices of 14 meetings including that of 4mo 9th last. &c was presented & ordered to be paid.

The Electing Committee reported that Edward Bettle, George Rundle, Charles Yarnall, Thomas Kimber, & Dr. René La Roche had been duly elected resident members & Levi Ives of Lancaster Penna. a corresponding member of this Society. —

The Committee for that purpose appointed reported having examined the Treasurers account & found it to be correct, & that he had a balance in his hands due the Society on 1mo 1. 1827 of $223. 83/100.

A letter from the present proprietors of the Lot on Cherry Street, out of which issues a Ground rent of 29 Dollars to this Society, was read, requesting that the said rent may be divided to be paid hereafter by two persons, on consideration it was referred to the Counsellors with authority to take order thereon. —

A Letter was received from Robert H Smith, George Boyd, & John Farr, resigning their membership in this Society, which was read, & their resignations accepted. —

Edward Yarnall, Edward Bettle, & John C. Lowber were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for 12 Months. —

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On motion of Roberts Vaux it was Resolved that a Committee to consist of five persons be appointed to prepare & report to a future meeting of this Society a memorial to be addressed to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, illustrative of its opinions and views on the importance of carrying into full effect the principle of Separate Confinement in the new Penitentiary. And on motion of James J. Barclay it was resolved that the said Committee be empowered to visit, at the expense of this Society, the Prison at Auburn, and also that it be requested to confer with the Commissioners for erecting the Penitentiary near this City, & with the Inspectors of the Prison. — Roberts Vaux, Samuel R Wood, William H Delaney, Edward Bettle, & Ellwood Garrall were appointed to compose the Committee. —

Then adjourned. —

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 10mo 8. 1827 Present — Bishop White President. Epm Haines, Philip Garrett Edward Bettle, James J. Barclay, Dr. B. H. Coates, Henry Troth, G. M. Stroud. & Roberts Vaux. Secretary.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read. —

The Electing Committee reported that the following named persons had been duly elected members of the Society. viz James Montgomery, George Weller. G. T. Bedell, Geo: M. Stroud.

The request of the Ground rent tenants of the Cherry St lot remains to be reported upon by the Counsellors.

The acting Committee are authorized to import reports on Prison Discipline from France. A bill amounting to $39 for Books procured from England by the acting Committee was presented & ordered to be paid. — Adjourned to 12th of next month 7. P. M.

At an adjourned meeting of the Philad.a Soc: for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held 11 Mo: 12. 1827. Present. Dr. Collin. Vice President in the Chair, Thomas Bradford Jr. John Bacon, James J. Barclay, Dr. B. H. Coates, Dr. Ely, Jacob Thomas, Samuel R. Wood, David Wheatenly, Edward Bettle, Edward Yarnall & Roberts Vaux. Secy.

By a report from the Electing Committee it appears that Dr. Thomas C. James, Dr. Samuel G. Morton, Judah Dobson, & William B. Reed were duly elected members of this Society.

Samuel R. Wood made a verbal report of his visit to Auburn Penitentiary: he was desired to furnish a written account of his observations on that Institution. Thomas Bradford Jr. also gave an account of his recent visit to the same prison. He was also requested to give a written report.

Roberts Vaux read a reply he had made to two letters addressed to him by William Roscoe of Liverpool on the Penitentiary System.

The Committee on the Memorial to the Legislature reported an essay which was agreed to excepting the word Cabin in the 17.th paragraph which was referred to an adjourned meeting to be held on the 19.th instant at 7. P. M.

Adjourned.

At an adjourned meeting held 11 mo 19. 1827. Present. Thomas Bradford Jr. Jacob Thomas, David Weatherly, James J. Barclay, & Roberts Vaux, who not being a quorum adjourned to the 10.th day of December at 7. P. M.

Adjourned.

At an adjourned meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 12 Mo. 10. 1827. Present. Thomas Bradford Jr. Dr Ely, Samuel R Wood, Jacob Thomas, Edward Bettle, William Wayne & Roberts Vaux. J. J. Barclay

Dr Ely was requested to take the Chair.

The Memorial being again under consideration it was agreed to -

The following resolutions were on motion adopted unanimously. viz

Resolved that the Memorial be transcribed, Signed & forwarded in due season to the Senate & House of Representatives.

Resolved that the Committee who reported the memorial, be requested to adopt such measures as they may deem necessary for promoting the views & wishes of this Society on the highly important subject about to be considered by the Legislature - by attending at Harrisburgh or otherwise.

Adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Philad[a] Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 1 Mo. 14[th]. 1828. Present: John Paul, Jacob Thomas, James J Barclay, Edward Bettle, Edward Yarnall, David Weatherly, Henry Troth & Roberts Vaux.

John Paul acted as Chairman. -

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read.

The Treasurer submitted his annual

account which was referred to Jacob Thomas & Edward Yarnall to examine & settle, they are also authorized in conjunction with the Treasurer to invest as they may deem judicious such part of the balance as may not be wanted. —

The Treasurer is authorized to procure new Books of account, & employ a Clerk if he shall so please. —

Roberts Vaux, James J Barclay, Edward Bettle & George M Stroud were appointed to consider & report a digest of the most important parts of the Criminal Laws of this State to be distributed gratuitously in the Schools of this part of Pennsylvania. —

B Waistar. J. J. Barclay & W H Coates were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for 12 Months. —

Roberts Vaux read letters he had received from John Sergeant Esq & Col. Saml. Miller of the United States Marine on the subject of Punishments — he also read a certificate of the Keepers of the Penitentiary of Midwale on the subject of Separate Confinement, all which were considered so valuable, that it was Resolved, that the Committee charged with the subject of the Memorial before the Legislature cause a sufficient number of Copies to be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the Members of this Society, & the Members of the Legislature. —

A bill of the Carpenters Company amtg. to Twelve Dollars was presented and ordered

to be paid. –

The Society then proceeded to the forty first annual Election, & upon counting the votes it appeared that the following members were chosen officers for the current year. –

President

William White. D.D.

Vice Presidents

Thomas Wistar

Nicholas Collin D.D.

Secretaries. & Committee of Correspondence

Roberts Vaux

Bartholomew Wistar.

Treasurer

Joseph. M. Paul.

Counsellors

James Gibson – James J. Barclay

Electing Committee

James J. Barclay. John Paul

Roberts Vaux Edward Garnall

William H Delancy Benj: H Coates

George Williams Philip Garrett

William Wayne

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At a Stated meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held on the 14th day of april 1828 present. James S. Barclay. Benjamin H Coates. & Philip Garrett, there being no quorum they adjourned. –

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At a Stated meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held on the 14th of 7month. 1828. Present Nicholas Collin Vice. President in the Chair, James S. Barclay. Jackson Kemper. Edward Bettle, Jacob Thomas, George Weller. and Roberts Vaux.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read.

Orders in favour of Enoch allen $5.81. John Chapman. $7.50 for delivering notices. Roberts Vaux $2.75 for forwarding packages to Harrisburg

The Committee to examine the Treasurers acct reported that they had done so & found it to be correct. & that they had also invested $391.57/100 in 28 Shares of Schuylkill Permanent Bridge Stock. –

Resolved that an order for six Dollars be issued in favour of Joseph S. Kite for the use of William Brown. –

Edward Yarnall, Jacob Thomas, and George Weller were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for 12 Months.

An account of Kimber & Sharpless was rec^d & referred to the acting Committee to take order thereon. –

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Resolved that an order be issued in favour of James J Barclay for five dollars to release Lewis Hare a discharged Prisoner. —

Adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held 10mo. 1828.

Present The President in the Chair. — Jos. B. Remington, David Weatherly, James J. Barclay. Charles Bird. — Henry Troth & Roberts Vaux.

On motion of J. J. Barclay. Resolved that James J. Barclay, Joseph M. Paul. & Roberts Vaux be appointed, who are hereby authorized to call on the executors of the late John Connelly Esq.r and receive from them the legacy of five Hundred dollars bequeathed to this Society & when received to invest the same by & with the advice & consent of the President in such way as the views of the late Mr Connelly may be accomplished: and the said Committee are further authorized to make such arrangements as may be necessary relative to the legacy of One thousand Dollars bequeathed to this Society by the said John Connelly Esq.r & generally to act in the premises as occasion may require. —

Adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 1mo. 12. 1829. Present. John Paul.

George Williams, George Weller, David Weatherly, Edward Bettle, Dr. B. H. Coates, Thomas Shipley, T Bradford jr. Dr. Ely, Wm Wayne, Edw.d Farnell, & Roberts.

John Paul was chosen, Chairman in the absence of the President & Vice Presidents.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read.—
The Committee on the Memorial, and to attend at Harrisburgh &c. is again continued to the service.—
The Treasurer submitted his annual report which was referred to Thos. Shipley & E. Garnell for exa=mination.—

On motion resolved that the Committee appointed to receive the legacy of John Connelly be discharged.—
Resolved that a committee be appointed to consider the propriety of accepting the legacies of the late John Connelly, & if they be accepted to suggest the best mode of carrying them into effect. Committee J. J. Barclay, J. M. Paul, T. Bradford Jr., Edward Bettle, Dr. Ely, R. Vaux.—

Orders were issued for the payment of the following bills viz John Letchworth for delivering notices &c
$5. 12.
Carey Lea & Carey for Livingstons Introductory Report $13. 42/100
Carpenters Company for use of room. $6.—
B. Wistar, J. J. Barclay & Dr. B. H. Coates were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for twelve months.—

The Society proceeded to the election of officers whereupon the following were duly chosen.

President
William White
Vice Presidents
Thomas Wistar
Nicholas Collin

Secretaries & Committee of Correspondence
Roberts Vaux
Bartholomew Wistar.

Councillors
James Gibson
James J. Barclay.

Treasurer
Joseph M. Paul.

Electing Committee

James J. Barclay
John Paul
Wm H Delancy
George Williams
Edward Bettle
Dr B. H. Coates
Philip Garrett
Wm Wayne

Roberts Vaux

At a Stated meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held 4 Mo. 13. 1829 Present The President in the Chair, Thomas Shipley, James J. Barclay, Charles Bird B. H Coates, David Weatherly, Isaiah Dobson, & Roberts Vaux. Thomas Bradford Jr David Thomas, Jr Backe

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read.

A Bill of Jesper Harding amounting to $22. 22/100 for printing was ordered to be paid.—

On motion resolved that an order in favour of James J. Barclay Sec'y. of the Acting Committee for twenty five Dollars to pay bills contracted by them under ten Dollars. & to be accounted for by that Committee.—

Joseph M Paul was released from the Committee

on John Connellys legacy at his own request & Charles Bird was put in his place. —
The Committee on John Connelly's legacy reported progress & was continued. —
The acting Committee was on motion ~~unanimously~~ authorized to subscribe for Hazard's Penn.a Register for the Library of the Society. —
Then adjourned.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 7mo 13. 1829 Present Bishop White in the chair, Dr. Coates, Dr. Bache, James J. Barclay, David Weatherly, Judah Dobson, & Roberts Vaux. —

The Minutes of the acting committee were read. —

A bill for expenses of Samuel R Wood to Harrisburgh on the service of the Society during the last session of the Legislature amt.g to $27.$\frac{50}{100}$ was submitted, & an order for the payment issued. —

Resolved that Roberts Vaux, & James J. Barclay, be appointed to procure from C. G. Childs such number of copies of his intended engraving of the plan, and elevation of the new Penitentiary, with a description thereof as they may deem proper. —
George Weller, David Weatherly, & Roberts Vaux, were appointed to serve upon the acting Committee for the ensuing term. —
The Committee on John Connelly's legacy reported progress & were continued. —
On motion resolved that a Committee be

appointed to prepare & report to the Society a Memorial to be submitted to the Legislature at its next meeting, embracing the following principles. First that the criminal Courts shall be so organized as that the Prisons may be regularly & speedily delivered of persons charged & held to answer for criminal offences, & Secondly that provision be made for the complete Separation of all persons committed for trial, or as vagrants. James J. Barclay. Roberts Vaux, S. Coates, David Weatherly & Judah Dobson. —

Adjourned. —

At a Quarterly meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 10mo. 12. 1829 Present The President, David Weatherly, Thomas Shipley, Edward Bettle, William Wayne, Samuel R. Wood, Judah Dobson, James J. Barclay, Dr. Ely, & Roberts Vaux.

The Committee on the Plan & description of the Penitentiary reported progress, & was continued. —

The Com: on John Connelly Legacy is continued.

The Com: on the memorial to the Legislature is continued.

William H. Hood, Benjamin J. Neal, George Washington Smith, & Gerard Ralston were duly elected residents, & Charles Lucas of Paris, John W. Conyngham and Garrick Mallary of Wilkesbarre, Samuel Evans of Fayett County & James Bowdoin of Boston, Corresponding members of the Society. —

~~Adjourned~~

On motion resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of printing in Pamphlet form, certain essays which were published in the Phila. Gazettee some months ago, James J. Barclay, S.R. Wood, Thomas Shipley, were appointed upon the Committee.—

Adjourned.

At a Special meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 11 mo. 30. 1829. Present. Thomas Shipley, Dr. B.H. Coates, Judah Dobson, Samuel R Wood, James J Barclay, Jesper Harding, & Roberts Vaux.

The following resolution was on motion adopted unanimously adopted viz

Resolved that the members of this Society sincerely regret the death of their late friend & associate Joseph M. Paul, Esqr, Treasurer of the Society.—

The following report was received and adopted. viz.—

To the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons

The Undersigned "appointed to enquire and report whether it would be expedient ~~[illegible]~~ to republish the Essays on the subject of the Penal Law and prison discipline which appeared in the Philadelphia Gazette under the signature of Enquirer

Respectfully Report

That having attended to the duty assigned to them and examined carefully the essays referred to they are decidedly of opinion that these essays

contain much valuable information obtained from various sources not generally within the reach of the Public, and a clear and able vindication of the Pennsylvania System. —

The undersigned think that great advantage would result to the public from the publication of the essays of an "Engineer" at this time when so deep an interest appears to be taken in the subject of penitentiaries. The undersigned therefore recommend that a large edition of these essays be published by the Society in pamphlet form & circulated as widely as possible. All which is respectfully submitted

Signed. James S. Barclay, Thomas Shipley, Samuel R Ward } Com.

Resolved that the same committee with George W Smith be authorized to have 5000 copies of the essays printed in Pamphlet form, & cause them to be extensively distributed as early as possible. —

Resolved that the Committee be authorized to have an engraved view of the elevation and plan of the New Penitentiary, to accompany the pamphlet.

On motion the Society proceeded to an election of a Treasurer to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Jos. M. Paul, when it appeared that John Bacon was unanimously chosen. —

On motion resolved that Thomas Shipley & Dr. Benjamin H Coates be appointed to examine the account of the late Treasurer, and hand over to John Bacon, the balance of money in the keeping of the executors of the late Treasurer, together with the books & papers belonging to that office. —

Ordered that in consequence of the removal from this State of George Weller, John Bacon be appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby in the acting Committee. —.

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The following addition to the Constitution was submitted and lies over until the next meeting, viz - "That the Secretaries, Treasurer, and Counsellors be added to the acting Committee" —

Adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phil.a Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 1 Mo. 11. 1830. Present George Williams Chairman, Thomas Bradford Jr., Dr. Coates Edward Yarnall David Weatherly, Wm Wayne, Edw.d Bettle, James J. Barclay, Thomas Shipley, Dr. I. G. Morton, Dr. E. S. Ely, William Hood, Pierce Connelly, Isaac Collins, Roberts Vaux, Jos. S. Kite, Jos. McKinney

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read together with a report from the visiting Committee introducing to the notice of the Society some highly interesting subjects, which was adopted and referred to the acting Committee. to take order. ~~that the report be committed to a Special~~

The Electing Committee reported the following Gentlemen as duly Chosen members of the Society viz Edward Rutledge, Pierce Connelly, Stephen A. King, George Boyd, Charles S. Coxe, Joseph McIlvaine, Timothy Caldwell, Nathan Bunker, Burden B. Carter, Richard Price, Thomas Earp, Andrew Allen, Thomas Mitchell, Peter Shade, Jos. S. Kite, Samuel Palmer, George M. Wharton. & C. P. Sumner of Boston was elected a corresponding member.

A Bill of John Letchworth for delivering notices &c. amounting to $7. 58/100 was submitted and ordered to be paid.

also a Bill of C. G. Childs for Copperplate views of the Eastern Penitentiary & plan of ditto & for printing 500 Copies amt. to $105. 50/100 & a bill of Jacob Reasair for repair of Arch St. Prison. amtg to $5. were ordered to be paid. —

The Com: for that purpose appointed have paid over to John Bacon Esq.r and taken his receipt for the balance due by the late Treasurer. —

The Committee to have the plan of the Prison &. published, reported & were authorized to dispose of such number as they may deem proper.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution laid over until next meeting. —

James J. Barclay, Dr. Coates, & B. Wistar, were appointed on the acting Committee for 12 months

The Society proceeded to an election of Officers for the current year when the following were chosen.

President
William White

Vice Presidents
Thomas Wistar
Nicholas Collin.

Secretaries & Com.e of Correspondence
Roberts Vaux
Bartholomew Wistar

Counsellors
James Gibson
James J. Barclay

Treasurer, John Bacon

Electing Committee

James J. Barclay — Dr. B. H. Coates
John Paul — Philip Garrett
George Williams — William Wayne
Edward Bettle — Thomas Shipley
Pierce Connelly.

adjourned —

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 4mo. 12th. 1830. Present. Z. Poulson, Thomas Bradford Jr. James J. Barclay, William A. Hood, Geo: M. Wharton, Pierce Connelly, Judah Dobson, G. W. Smith, Dr B. H. Coates. & Roberts Vaux.

Z. Poulson was appointed Chairman Pro: Tem:

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read. —

The proposed amendment to the Constitution by adding to the acting Committee, "The Secretaries, Treasurer, & Counsellors", ex officio, was adopted. —

Adjourned

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Publick Miseries Prisons held 7mo. 12. 1830.

Present Dr White, President in the Chair, Thomas Bradford Jr James J. Barclay, David Weatherly, George M Wharton, Dr. Bache, Thomas Earp, Edward Yarnall, & Roberts Vaux. —

The minutes of the acting committee were read, manifesting highly satisfactory evidence of attention to its duties. the new Penitentiary goes on to the ~~satisfa~~ content of those who administer its affairs as well as the visiting Committee. —

George W Smith then came in. —

David Weatherly, George W Smith, & Edw.d Yarnall. were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for twelve months. — Charles Bird, ~~Franklin~~

& George M. Wharton were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for six months.

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held on the 11th of 10th month 1830. Present, The President Jacob Thomas, James J Barclay, Edward Bettle, Charles Bird, Wm H Keating, Thomas Earp, Edward Yarnall. — Clements S. Miller, G. W. Smith, & Vaux.

The Minutes of the acting Committee were read furnishing evidence of regular attention to its various & increasingly important duties. —

Resolved that the acting Committee be directed to enquire and report to the next meeting of this Society the number of vagrants, and others illegally committed & discharged by Magistrates between the 1st June & the 1st of December next, and said Com: is further desired to report what means should be adopted to correct the evil complained of.

Resolved that a report of the number of debtors committed for debts under five dollars & the amt. of costs be also furnished. —

Adjourned

At a Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held 11mo. 10th. 1830. Present. George Williams, John Paul Washington Smith, James J Barclay Thomas Shipley, William H Keating, Thomas Bradford, Philip Garrett, David Weatherly, Judge Coxe, Jacob Thomas, Edward Bettle, Bartholomew Wistar, G. M. Wharton Edward Yarnall, John Bacon, Pierce Connelly, & Roberts Vaux

The minutes of the acting Committee were read manifesting continued assiduous attention to its duties. —

A bill of John Letchworths for delivering Notices amounting to $6 16/100 was read & ordered to be paid.—
Charles Bird, George M Whaton & David Weatherly were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for twelve months.

The Society had read to it by James J Barclay Esq[t] secretary of the acting Committee an elaborate and able report of the Inspectors of the Eastern Penitentiary addressed to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, which fully establishes the high expectations formed concerning the application of principles which this association has uniformly entertained & promulgated from its establishment upwards of forty years ago in regard to penal law & prison discipline.— Whereupon it was resolved that three thousand copies of this report with the documents accompanying it together with the first report of the Inspectors be printed, & circulated at the expense of this Society, and the acting Committee was charged with the superintendance of this duty.—
The Treasurer submitted his annual account which was committed to Jacob Thomas & Philip Garrett for examination.—

On motion it was resolved that Edward Bettle, Roberts Vaux, William A Keating, G W Smith and James J Barclay be a committee to consider & report what measures may be necessary for this Society to adopt in respect to the subject of the further accommodation of Prisoners in the Eastern Penitentiary, & also to consider & report in regard to the present condition of the Walnut Street and the Arch Street Prisons.— And that this Com: be authorized to call a special meeting of this Society if it be deemed needful.—

The Society

proceeded to an election for Officers, John Paul & J. J. Barclay being appointed tellers reported that the following named members were duly Chosen viz

President.

William White. D.D.

Vice Presidents

Thomas Wistar

Nicholas Collin. D.D.

Secretaries & Committee of Correspondence

Roberts Vaux — Bartholomew Wistar

Treasurer

John Bacon

Counsellors

James Gibson — James J. Barclay

Electing Committee

James J. Barclay	John Paul
Geo. Williams	William H. Keating
Edward Bettle	Dr. Benj. H. Coates
Jackson Kemper	David Weatherly
Pierce Connelly	Geo. M. Wharton

Then adjourned

At a Special Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held 11mo. 25. 1831. Present— Zachariah Poulson, Thomas Bradford jr. Geo. Williams, John Paul, Wm. H. Keating, S. W. Smith, Dr. B. H. Coates, C. J. Miller, P. Garrett, Edward Bettle, J. J. Barclay, Timothy Caldwell, E. Yarnall, Jacob Thomas, B. Wistar, Judge Coxe, & Roberts Vaux.

Zachariah Poulson was appointed Chairman

The Committee appointed on the 10th instant made report

~~accordingly~~.

on the subjects referred to it and offered several resolutions respecting the removal of the Walnut Street Prison, the completion of the Eastern Penitentiary on the principles of Solitary confinement & Labour, and for improving the mode of keeping persons committed to the County Jail.— The Society having spent much time in considering the subject in its various aspects Resolved that the report be re-committed to the Committee who brought it in, with directions to prepare a memorial to the Legislature, ~~embracing the opinions expressed by the Society concerning the several matters discussed~~, and Clements C. Miller, & John Bacon, were added to the Committee.— The Society then adjourned to meet on the 1st proximo at 7 P.M.— Adjourned.

At an adjourned meeting held 2nd mo. 1831
Present I Poulson, Bartholomew Wistar, Edward ~~Bettle~~, Wm. Keating, S. W. Smith, J. J. Barclay, David Weatherly, Edward Yarnall, John Bacon Pierce Connelly, Wm. Hood, Thomas Bradford jr. & Roberts Vaux.— I Poulson in the Chair.

Two bills one of Timothy & Conrad for printing notices, $2.75, the other Enoch Allen's for sundries provided the Prisoners in Arch Street Jail amounting to $40.22/100 were read & ordered to be paid.—

The Committee appointed at the last meeting reported an essay of a memorial— the minority of the Committee also offered a substitute for the original draft, both were on motion brought under discussion, and after considerable debate, it was on motion resolved that at the when the society adjourns it adjourn to meet on the 8th inst at 7 P.M. Adjourned

At an adjourned meeting 2mo. 8. 1831.

Present Zachariah Poulson, Geo. Williams
Charles Bird, Edward Bettle, Gilb. Wharton, Wm. H. Hood,
G. W. Smith. William Wayne, Robert Hare, Jun.
John Paul, Merce Cromelly, John McAllister,
J. C. Barclay. Dr. B. H. Coates, John Bacon, J. C. Lowber, Philip
Garrett, Bradford Jr. Bartholomew Wistar, Wm. Reed & Rt. Vaux
Thomas Bradford Jr. Zachariah Poulson in the Chair.

A Bill of Carpenters Company for two years
rent of room 1829 & 1830 Amounting to $13.00
was read & ordered to be paid.

The Society resumed the consideration of the Memo-
-rial reported by the majority & that submitted
by the minority of the Committee appointed on
the 10th. ultimo

Z. Poulson withdrew from indisposition
George Williams took the Chair.

On motion it was resolved that the two
Memorials be referred to committee in order
to report thereon ~~another memorial embracing the~~
~~views of the Society as expressed~~

Committee J. C. Lowber, Thomas Bradford Jr.
Dr. B. H. Coates -

The Society adjourned to this day 2 weeks
at 7 P. M.

At an adjourned meeting 2mo. 22. 1831. Present
John Paul, Thos. Bradford Jr. J. C. Lowber, Chs. Bird,
David Weatherly Chs. Garnall, Edward Garnall
G. W. Smith, Thomas Shipley, Jos. McIlvaine Jr.
Esqr. Edward Bettle, G. M. Wharton, Wm. H. Hood,
Dr. B. H. Coates. Philip Garrett, C. S. Miller & Roberts Vaux

Thomas Bradford Jr. was appointed
Chairman Pro: Tem:

The Committee appointed at the last meeting reported an essay of a memorial embracing the essence of the two memorials submitted at a former meeting which was read, and after some alterations ~~were agreed~~ were adopted when on motion the subject be further postponed. the same was agreed to.—

On motion resolved that the Secy be directed to call a special meeting of the Society when he shall receive from Harrisburgh copies of the bills which may be reported on the subject of the Prisons.

Then adjourned.

At a meeting of the Philad^a Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons 2mo 11. 1831. Present. The President, Dr B. H Coates, Geo^e Williams, Wm H Hood, Thos Bradford Jr Pierce Connelly, I. J. Barclay, Edw^d Bettle, Jacob Thomas, Washington Smith, Edward Yarnall, John C Lowber. Jos. McKenna John Paul, & Roberts Vaux.

On motion ~~The Society proceeded to the consideration~~ the Secretary read a bill reported to the Senate of Penn^a providing for the erection of four hundred cells, with in the walls of the Francis East Penitentiary, the Gaol of the Walnut St Prison, the building of a County Gaol &c—

On motion resolved that the memorial agreed to, at the last meeting be transmitted to the Legislature it was moved to reconsider the same for the purpose of making the following amendment viz

"your memorialists cannot forbear to express the apprehension that the arrangements at the Eastern Penitentiary may not be sufficient for erecting so great a number of additional cells as contemplated by the bill now before your honourable bodies without interfering with the integrity of that System. They would therefore suggest that in any laws which may be passed the authority to erect a

which amendment was adopted, and the memorial, was ordered to be transmitted to the Legislature.

On motion resolved that the duty of superintending this matter be referred to a Committee

with authority to correspond with members of the Assembly, & to visit the Seat of Government if necessary. — Jos: Bevan, C. Crowley, & Roberts Vaux were appointed. —

J. J. Barclay informed the meeting that the Essays of "Enquirer" with some revision were understood to be ready for publication at this meeting.

On motion resolved that the resolutions passed at the meeting of the Society Nov. 30. 1829 authorizing the publication of 5000 copies of essays by "Enquirer" be repealed; before the question was put a motion to adjourn was made & carried. —

Adjourned

At a stated meeting of the Philad.a Society for alleviating the miseries of Publick Prisons held the 11th of 4mo 1831 Pres.t Wm. H. Hood, Geo: W. Smith, J. J. Barclay, Chas. R. Demmé, Edward Bettle, Wm. Milnor jr Job R. Tyson, Sam.l R. Woods. Jac: Thomas Geo: Williams & B. Wistar, Geo: Williams was called to the Chair Pro. Tem.

The following Report was read. Viz

At a meeting of the Electing Comtee of the Philad.a Society for alleviating the miseries of Publick Prisons held on the 9th day of March 1831 the following named Gentlemen were duly elected members of the Society Viz

The Reverend Geo: Boyd, Caspar Wistar M.D.
Benj.n G. Mitchell, Job R. Tyson
Frederick A Packard, Wm. Milnor jr
The Reverend Charles R. Demmé &
Francis B. Fogg, of Nashville Tennessee was elected a corresponding member

J. J. Barclay
Ch: E. C.

To R. Vaux & B. Wistar } Esq.rs Secretaries of the Society

The minutes of the acting Comtee of this society were read from which it appears there is continued attention given to the objects of their appointment -

On motion of J. J. Barclay

Resolved that the acting Comtee be authorised if the Comtee deem it expedient to have the Penal Laws of this Commonwealth & the Laws, relating to prisons & prison discipline printed,

On motion of J. J. Barclay

Resolved that John Bacon Treasurer of the Society be authorised & requested to invest, out of monies in his hands belonging to this Society, the sum of Two hundred Dollars, in such manner as he may think most advantageous to the society.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held 7mo. 11. 1831. Present: John Paul, James J. Barclay, Thomas Shipley, Edward Bettle, Thomas Earp. I Poulson, Roberts Vaux, Dr. B. H. Coates, Richard Price,

I Poulson chairman. -

The minutes of the acting Committee were read.-

Thomas Earp, Dr. B. H Coates & David Heatherly were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for twelve months. -

Resolved that the Secretary of the acting Committee be appointed Librarian, and authorised to supply the members with Books & pamphlets under such regulations

as the Committee shall ordain. — adopted

At a Stated meeting of the Phil.a Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held on the 10th day of October 1831 present Z. Poulson. P Gibbons P Garrett. J Shipley. Dr. Coates, Wm Keating. I I Barclay

Wm Poulson was appointed Chairman, and I. I. Barclay Sec.y

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Wm Barclay informed the meeting that the Revd Nicholas Collin D.D. and one of the Vice Presidents of the Society had departed this life on the seventh inst and submitted the following resolution.

Resolved that the members of this Society deeply regret the death of their Venerable Friend and associate the Revd Dr. Nicholas Collin D.D one of the earliest members of this Society and for some Years past one of its Vice Presidents — a man whose life was devoted to the promotion of useful & benevolent objects, and whose zealous and active services will long be remembred by the Members of the Phila. Prison Society — which was unanimously adopted. —

The Minutes of the acting Committee were then read. — The following communication was received from the Chairman of the Electing Committee.

At a meeting of the Electing Com.: of the Phi.: Soc.: for all: the Mis: of Pub. Prisons held on the 8th day of Sep.: 1831

Thomas S. Smith Esq was duly chosen a member of the Society

J. C. Julius m. D. of Berlin, I. G. V. de Mo-
- ceon of Paris, The Hon. Th. Burnside of Belfast
The Hon Alex^r Thom son of Chambersburg, The
Hon. Charles W Hanson of Baltimore, & E
L Finley Esq of Baltimore were duly chosen
Corresponding Members.—
Mr Barclay offered the following resolution
Resolved that a committee of five be appointed
to enquire whether it be expedient, & if the com-
deem it expedient then to propose a memorial
to be laid before the Legislature, praying the
Legislature to take such measures as they
may judge proper to ensure the more speedy
trial of persons charged with crimes & misde-
-meanours which was seconded by Mr Shipley
and adopted by the Society. Mess^r Barclay,
Gibbon, Shipley, Bettle, & Garrett were appoin-
-the Committee.—
On motion resolved that when the Committee
shall be ready to report they be authorized to
request the President to call a Special Meeting
of the Society.—
Mr Keating offered the following preamble &
resolution viz Whereas the Society have been
informed that the Commissioners appointed by
the Government of France to examine the Prisons
of the United States are expected shortly to visit
those of Pennsylvania — Therefore resolved that
the acting Committee of this Society be instructed
to furnish the said Commissioners with such
assistance and information as they may desire
in relation to the examination of the Prisons
& system of Prison discipline of Penn^a — On
motion of Mr Keating the Lecture was instructed

to furnish the Commissioners with a Copy of the foregoing resolution.—

Then on motion adjourned—

At a stated meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons, held 11th mo. 9. 1832 Present.

Bartholomew Wistar
William H Ford, George W Smith, James J. Barclay
George Williams, Charles R Lemmé, R Vaux
Dr. B H Coates, Samuel Jackson, Thomas Shipley.

George Williams was appointed Chairman.

The Minutes of the acting were read.—

An account of John Letchworth amounting to $13.37/100 was read, & ordered to be paid.—

Thomas Earp, George M Whalton, & David Weatherly were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for one year.—

The Society proceeded to an election, Wm H Ford, & B Wistar were appointed tellers, who reported that the following members were elected viz

President—
William White

Vice Presidents
Thomas Wistar
Roberts Vaux

Secretaries & Committee of Correspondence
James J. Barclay, Bartholomew Wistar

Treasurer
John Bacon

Counsellors
James Gibson, George M. Whitall

Electing Committee

James J. Barclay	John Paul
George Williams	William H Keating
Edward Bettle	Dr. B. H Coates

David Weatherby,
William H Hood,
George M Wharton
Judah Dobson

Edward Bettle was appointed to serve on the acting Committee in the place of George M Wharton elected a Counsellor.—

Adjourned

At a stated meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held on the second Monday (the 9th) of April 1832 present the Pres.t Rush. Wister Vaux, Demme, G Wm Smith, E. Yarnall. Tyson & Barclay.

Vice President Vaux in the chair.

The minutes of the acting Committee were read.

A letter from the chairman of the Electing Committee announcing that William Cooper Mead, George Smith, Peter Van Pelt, Henry L Austen, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Marmaduke C. Cope, Thomas Booth, Charles Evans, Jacob Gross Samuel J Henderson, and Henry D. Gilpin had been chosen members, and John Riddle of Erie, William Patterson, William Wright of Washington, Thomas Rogers of Centre, Charles B Penrose of Carlisle, Cumberland, Solomon Krepps of Fayette, Bond Valentine, of Centre, John A. Shannon of Beaver, Samuel McKean, Richard M. Crane Samuel Workman, & James Conley of Harrisburg Dauphine County Penna Corresponding Members of the Society, were read & laid on the table.

A bill from the Carpenter Company for the use of Room, amounting to $16.50 was presented, examined and ordered to be paid.

On motion of W Barclay W. Smith was requested to prepare a description of the Eastern Penitentiary, for publication.

On motion Jas. Smith & Barclay were appointed a Committee to have five hundred copies of the description printed as soon as it shall be prepared by W. Smith.

On motion of W. Smith Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into & report on the state of the County Jails in Pennsylvania

and also to ascertain as far as practicable the effect of solitary confinement in the prisons of Europe. Miss. Smith, Wistar, Demme and Barclay were appointed the Committee.

On motion the Society then adjourned

At a special meeting of the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held on the first day of June 1832.

Present the Rt. Rev. Bishop White, Messrs. Bacon, Bettle, Remington, Packard, Demme, Paul, Williams, Evans, Eyerman, Thomas, Wistar, G. Smith & Barclay.

The President in the chair.

The President stated that the meeting had been called at the request of the Treasurer, who thereupon submitted the following report and Resolution

The Treasurer respectfully informs the Society that he has been called upon by the agent of the Congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church to receive the principal of a ground rent of sixty eight dollars & thirteen cents issuing out of a lot of Ground situate at the corner of Second & Coates Street in the Northern Liberties. This ground Rent was conveyed on the 31st day of March 1819 by Ellicton Perot in consideration of the payment of eight hundred and seventeen dollars and sixty cents, to Thomas Wistar, Samuel Powell Griffitts John Paul, Joseph M. Paul, Robert Vaux, Caleb Cresson Joseph Parrish

Thomas Bradford Jr & Henry Connelly their heirs
successors and assigns in trust for the only proper
use and behoof of the Philadelphia Society for
the alleviation of the miseries of Public Prisons
with a special provision that the said Trustees or the
Survivors or Survivor of them or of such or so many of
them as shall at the time be remain members of
the Society, & shall reside in the city of Philad.a or
within Seven miles thereof, or the heirs of the survivor
of them, upon the reasonable request of the said
Society, to be signified by a minute to be made at
some regular meeting of said Society, and signed by
the President or one of the Vice Presidents, & certified by
one of the Secretaries of the said Society for the time
being, shall grant, convey & assign said yearly rent
charge or ground rent with the appurtenances, unto
such person or persons, their heirs and assigns for-
ever, for the use, service, & benefit of the said Society,
as the Society by such minutes shall nominate, direct
& appoint & to & for no other use, intent or purpose
whatsoever. Under & subject nevertheless to the
right of extinguishing said yearly rent at any
time on the payment of the principal sum of
Thirteen hundred & sixty two dollars & sixty seven
cents.

The Treasurer therefore submits for the consider-
ation of the Society the following resolution viz

Resolved

That Thomas Wistar, John Paul,
Roberts Vaux, Joseph Parrish, & Thomas Brad-
ford Jr. the Survivors of the trustees to whom was
conveyed in trust for the use of this Society, an an-

rent Charge or Ground Rent of $68 The dollars issuing out of a lot of Ground situated at the Corner of Coates & Second Sts in the Northern Liberties and now payable by the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, be and they are hereby authorized and requested to convey to said Congregation, or to such person or persons as said Congregation may direct, the fee of said Ground Rent, on the receipt of $1352. 67 Cts agreeably to the terms set forth in the original deed for said Ground Rent.

Resolved that the President of the Society, and one of the Secretaries be, and they are hereby authorized to affix their signatures to an extract from the minutes of the proceedings of this meeting, in relation to the conveyance of the property referred to, in the above resolution

Resolved that the Treasurer and George Williams & Bartholomew Tristan, be a committee to invest the above sum when received, and any other monies of the Society, unappropriated in such manner as they may deem best for the interest of the Society.

The Secretary laid before the Society a letter from James Lesley Esq. of Harrisburg accepting of his appointment as a corresponding member of the Society.

On motion of Mr Bella, Resolved that the Secretaries be directed to transmit to the London Prison Discipline Society Copies of Reports and Documents illustrative of the System of Separate confinement as practised in Pennsylvania as are in the possession of the Society

On motion of Mr Barclay Resolved that the Acting Committee be directed to prepare a report of the proceedings of the Committee during the past year, & in lay before the Society all the information they may be able to procure on the subject of Prisons & Prison discipline

On motion the Society then adjourned

At a stated meeting of the Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the miseries of Public Prisons held on the second monday (the 9th) of July 1832

Friends mess.rs Smith, Milnor, C. & Paulson, Dennis Hood, Booth, Henderson, Thomas & Barclay

C. & Paulson Esq.r in the chair

The Secretary laid before the Society letters from S. G. Phelps & J. R. Shannon Esq.rs accepting of the situation of corresponding members of the Society

The minutes of the Acting Committee were read

The Secretary laid before the Society a letter from Judah Dobson Esq.r giving the opinion of Don Jose Santiago Rodrigues in relation to the Penn.a system of Prison discipline which he calls Pierce System

No report was received from the Committee on the County Jails. The Committee was continued.

Mr. Milnor offered the following Resolution viz

Resolved that it be earnestly recommended at this eventful crisis to the Judges, the Mayor of the City, the Aldermen and Justices of the Peace, and to the Attorneys General, forthwith to enquire into the condition of the prisoners, committed for Vagrancy, and to take such immediate order in the cases respectively as may be deemed expedient for the liberation of those meriting consideration, or the improvement of the conditions of the prisons generally. The motion being under consideration Mr Barclay moved to postpone the consideration of it, for the purpose of introducing a substitute, and the postponement being agreed to the following Resolution was on motion of Mr Barclay adopted viz Resolved that the acting Committee be instructed to take immediate and effectual measures to enquire into the conditions of the

Walnut Street and such Medicines, and that the Committee
have full authority to confer with the Judges, the Mayor and
the Inspectors of the Prisons, and Magistrates in relation to
the situation of the prisoners, and to take any measures
for their relief that the Committee may deem expedient
on motion of Mr. Milnor Resolved that a Committee
of three be appointed to ascertain the number of persons
committed to the Debtors apartment for debts not exceed
ing four dollars the amount of costs and the man
ner in which such debtors have been discharged
Messrs. Milnor, Hood & Bond were appointed the Committee
on business the Society then adjourned

At a Stated meeting of the Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons held on the second Monday (the 8th) of October 1832

Present, the President, the Treasurer, Messrs. Gillingham, Jerome, G. W. Smith, Coates, Evans, Henderson, Keating, Garrett, J. R. Wood, Lund, Wetherill, Thomas, Gillingham & Barclay.

The President in the Chair

The minutes of the last Stated meeting were read

The Treasurer submitted the following Report viz

The Treasurer reports,

That he received on Acct. 12th last Thirteen Hundred and Sixty two 62/100 dollars principal of Ground Rent on property belonging to the First Presbyterian Congregation at the corner of Coates & Second Streets, and one hundred and thirteen 33/100 dollars in full of the annual ground rent due to that date, deducting the Taxes.

John Bacon
Treasurer

Philada. 10 mo. 6th 1832

The Committee to invest the money &c. submitted the following report viz:-

The Committee appointed to invest the money received from the Second Presbyterian Congregation, in Extinguishment of the Ground Rent on their property on Second & Coates Streets, Northern Liberties, respectfully Report

That they accepted the offer of James Rebsch to borrow the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, at an interest of Six per Ct. per annum, to be secured by his Bond & Warrant of Attorney, accompanied by a mortgage on his two story Brick dwelling and lot on which it is erected, situated on the South side of Wood Street

one hundred and six feet west of twelfth Street in the district of Spring Garden. The Lot is 18 feet in front on Wood Street extending Southwardly 71 3/12 feet to an 18 feet wide alley. The Bond, Warrant of Attorney & Mortgage are dated 6 mo. 13th 1832 & made payable to George Williams, John Bacon & Bartholomew Wistar in Trust for the Philadelphia Society for the Alleviation of the Miseries of Public Prisons. All these documents have been received & lodged with the Treasurer, who has paid the order of the Committee for the amount of the Loan viz Fifteen Hundred Dollars

Signed / George Williams
Barth. Wistar } Committee
Philad. 10 m. 6th 1832 John Bacon

The Report was read and laid on the table

The Committee on the description of the Eastern Penitentiary reported progress & was continued

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On motion the Secretaries were authorised, in case the present room cannot be retained, to call the next meeting of the Society at some suitable place.

The acting Committee, were, on motion directed to prepare & submit a report at the next meeting of the Society.

The Committee on small debts made no report and was continued.

Messrs Coates, Wetherly & Earp were appointed to serve on the acting Committee for nine months.

A communication was received from the chairman of the electing Committee announcing the election of the Revd John Burt, the Revd Benjamin Hutchins, & Robert Ralston, Thomas Astley & Quinton Campbell Esquires as members, and of Don José Santiago Rodriguez as a corresponding member of the Society

M. Keating offered the following Resolution viz

Resolved that a committee of three be appoin-

ted to ascertain with accuracy the facts in relation to the Mortality in the Arch Street Prison, on the 5 & 6th of August Last, with authority to publish the same without delay, but without comment, on the question being put, the Society refused to adopt the resolution

On motion of Dr Coates, Resolved that the Acting Committee be requested to prepare and lay before the Society a history of the Epidemic Cholera in the Arch Street Prison.

Mr. Smith proposed the following amendment to the Constitution "That the Electing Committee be abolished, and the powers of that Committee be transfered to the Acting Committee, the amendment was laid on the table

On motion of Mr Bacon, Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to take measures to obtain an Act of Incorporation for the Society Messrs Bacon, Keating & Garnett were appointed the Committee.

Mr Keating proposed the following amendment to the Constitution "Any member paying the sum of ten dollars at one time shall be a Life member which was laid on the table

On motion the Society then adjourned.

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without reformation, & without very particular reasons for it, induces others to hope to escape punishment even if detected & convicted, & therefore encourages Crime ——

In the 5 Month last I received the Tract entitled "Some account of the Philadelphia Prison", sent thro' Samuel R. Wood, & requesting an answer might be sent to T. F. Buxton or William Allen, a few days after it was rec.d an answer was sent to Wm Allen, stating that after reading it, & also laying it before the Inspectors of the Prison, all agreed in saying it contained an excellent description of the Penitentiary excepting some small late alterations hardly worth mentioning, but which are fully noted in that Letter. On account of the difficulty of forwarding any thing larger than a Letter so as to get to hand, it was concluded it would be better to note the small alterations in a Letter rather than send back the Book —— I presume our Friend W. Allen's being in Russia is the cause of that Letter not getting to hand at the date of thy Letter — & probably the same cause has prevented the rec.t of several other Letters addressed to him, I hope however before this time some of the Committee will get those Letters, as they contain answers to all the enquiries of the Society, and with them were forwarded all the Pamphlets that have been published here on the Penitentiary System —— A few days since I wrote to Samuel Bevan which I hope will be received ——

Respectfully Thy Friend
Caleb Cresson

many of whom emigrated to this State unprepared and unwilling to gain a livelihood by honest Industry, which the late War in this Country could not fail to encrease the Numbers of such Characters —

On examining the Comparative view taken by the Committee in S. Carolina, as published in the Public Ledger of "Novem. 14. 1818" there appear to be a number of typographical errors, & some perhaps of a different character — In one paragraph they state, for instance, "an average popu=lation of 628.299 for 10 years prior to 1810, & that for that period the Convictions were to population as 4 to 632.299 or 1 in 399" It should be an Average population of 623.299, & that the Convictions were to population as 1 to 623.299 or one in 599, as will be evident on examination. —

In their remark on the Paragraph respecting the number of untried Prisoners, in 1813. 14. 15 & 16 they state that if they had "been tried as usual the number of Convicts would have been greater for those years" — the paragraph alluded to is only the Calender of those Years; had the Committee examin=ed the Table they would have seen that the No. convicted in 1813 was 150 in 1814. 135 & in 1815. 225 (the Table does not go as far as 1816) of course their inference is incorrect

In viewing the effect of their own Laws, they state the population of that State in 1800 was 109.440 (it should be 199.440) & that in 1810 the population had encreased to 218.750, & then argue that the small number of Convictions, compared with those of Penn.a, as tending to shew their Laws to be better than ours. — but they omit to state that there were the Numbers of free Inhabitants (including about 4000 free people of colour) — & that there were in 1800 — 146.151 Slaves & in 1810 — 196.365 — whose Crimes are punished by their Masters in a Summary way, without being brought to Court, except in desperate Cases — those Slaves may be compared to the lowest part of the population of Penn.a, whose Crimes make a large part, indeed I might say nearly the whole of the Business of our Courts & the Inhabitants of our prisons, as all their Offences are brought before our Courts — Now if we were to take off a like proportions, say nearly half, of our population & that of the most inferior grade, the Convictions among us would bear comparison with that of S. Carolina to great advan=tage, especially when we consider our City is the rendezvous of blacks from other States, & like other large Cities of the profligate and worthless — We have no Bridewell or regular House of Correction, & therefore all those who are taken up for disorderly conduct & confined for a short time, are sent to the Vagrant — Ward in the prison & make a large part of the Calender —

The New York prisons are in a worse situation than ours now from the same cause precisely — From the Message of the Governor of that State, lately made, it appears their prisons are greatly crowded, & from that circumstance principally many have been pardoned — This practice of pardoning is subversive of the penitentiary System, one Criminal being pardoned without

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enquire into the expediency of altering the Penal Code of that State" & requesting an answer on the Subject from the Society — The Society was accordingly called together, & thy communication laid before them, when the enclosed letter to your Committee was adopted & directed to be forwarded to thy care —

As there are some points of thy Letter which require my answer I will add a few words in my private capacity —

The Report of the Committee of the Legislature of S.C. is grounded on "a Statistical view of the operations of the Penal Code of Penn.a" from which certain extracts are given — That pamphlet was published by direction of the Society to draw the attention of the public to the State of our penitentiary, not that the Opinion of the Society on the beneficial effects of the System properly executed, were in the least changed, but that as the want of Room was such as to destroy all chance of experiencing the benefit of the System; & without an alteration the most consequences were apprehended, it was thought right to publish the true State of the case, to rouse the dormant energies of the Friends of the System, & excite them in an effort to get new & convenient Buildings erected — In the last Session of the Legislature of this State an Act was passed for erecting a Penitentiary in Pittsburgh 300 miles West of this City of which the foundation Walls are laid — and a Meeting has been held in this City within a few days by the Inspectors of the Prison, & the Corporation of the City &c to consult on the best Mode of carrying into effect a provision of a late Act, authorizing the Sale of the present Prison & building a new one on a larger Scale & better adapted to the Penitentiary principles — The Inspectors have offered a Premium for the best Plan of a Penitentiary — when one has been adopted I intend forwarding a Copy to your Committee —

I sent some Copies of the Statistical View &c with a Letter to Wm Allen dated 5 mo 26 last —

On looking over the reasoning of the Committee of the Legislature of S.C. we see no argument, or deduction from the data given, which invalidates the Penitentiary System — Our prison was considered but just large enough in 1790 when there were in the State a population of 434.373 & in the City 43.525, of course in 1810 when the State contained 810.091 & the City 92.247 Inhabitants, there must be great want of Room, & much more so in 1818, when the State & City have so much increased, the first calculated 1.000 000, & the latter to 120.000; & especially after the termination of the long wars in which Europe has been engaged, in consequence of which great numbers, who had been habituated to living by plunder, & without labour, were turned loose on Society, by

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I concluded best not to defer answering thy favr any longer — I laid before the Society thy Letter with the "Report of the Committee to the Society" & J. J. Bextons Narrative, these contain much interesting & valuable information, particularly the latter, in which a com=manding view of the Subject is taken, and which will doubtless greatly promote the Objects of the Society — I was directed by the Society to acknowledge the receipt of the Letter & Pamphlets, & to forward any information that may be desired — Thy intention of forwarding the future publications of the Society is noted with pleasure —

With the foregoing were enclosed several Parcels, for our President Wm White & others, which were delivered se=verally as directed — those who are elected honorary Members have expressed much satisfaction therewith — I take the liberty of mentioning that there are several of the first promoters of reform here, Members of the Society at its commencement who are not that I have heard among those elected honorary Members of your Society, probably from you not getting their Names, among these are our two Vice Presidents Wm Rogers D.D and Thomas Wistar, also Nicholas Collin. D.D. all of whom are much interested in your efforts, — It would give us much pleasure if we had the Names of those who are the most active in your Society, in my Letter to Wm Allen I requested him to furnish them, & which I hope to receive ere long to lay before the Society —

It would be very pleasant if we could say the System was in compleat operation here, but the want of Room in our prisons renders that at present impossible — there is a Penitentiary to be erected at Pittsburgh (300 Miles West of us in this State), and it is in contemplation to build a new & more compleat one in this City, when these are done the System will show itself as it did many Years ago —

Very Respectfully Thy Friend
C. C. —

Stephen Duchington
Respected Friend

Philad.a 2 mo 10. 1819

A few days since I rec.d thy fav.r of "Nov 26" last, requesting me to lay before the Philadelphia Society for alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons "the Report of the Committee appointed by the Legislature of South Carolina to enquire

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with my observations written with a lead pencil — his information being generally correct as far as it goes — Thou will much oblige me by communicating other documents to T. F. Buxton & Robt Forster, as well as to any other interested on the Subject —

Sam'l Rhoads also forwarded a Package of Books directed to Thomas Shewardson & myself — those printed by the Tract Association are delivered to the Tract Society here — those on Prison Discipline are to be delivered to the next Meeting of the Prison Society — The others we shall make as extensively useful as possible. — We feel much indebted to thy kind attention in sending them

Respectfully Thy Friend
C. Crispin

Sam'l Hoare Jr
Respd Friend

Philada 12 mo 10. 1818

I sometime since rec'd thy favr of 6 mo 24 last, mentioning that the Society for improving Prison Discipline &c have elected me an honorary Member — I am much obliged by this mark of favr from the Society, & by thy kindness in communicating it — It will give me great satisfaction to contribute my mite to the objects of the Society —

I should have answered thy Letter some time since but having written in the Spring to Mr Allen recapitulating several Letters I had written to him, & with which I forwarded all the information requested by the Society when I was in London, as well as since, and also all the Pamphlets that have been printed here on the Subject of the penitentiary System, as I have had no information whether any or which of them got safe to hand I requested he would inform me, & then I intended to forward to him any part which might have miscarried — presuming however that the several parcels were delivered, as care was taken to forward them by the best private Opportunities, & as Letters & Papers to other Persons forwarded by the same Conveyances got safe to hand

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Privation of work is a great penalty, in the Solitary Cells, as then the Criminal is left to his own Thoughts, which are apt to be painful —

No chains are used in the Prison, except with some desperate Criminals —

There are no Plans for Penitentiaries that would be new in Principal in England — the Panopticon has in part been adopted in that to be erected in Pittsburgh —

I have also received a Copy of a Pamphlet entitled "Some Account of the Prison in Philadelphia — London printed by W & S. Graves 66 Chancery Lane 1816" with a Note from Robt. Foster requesting some one to compare it with the present State of our Prison, & note any material alterations &c — I have read it carefully thro' & have laid it before the Inspectors of the Prison, & all agree in saying it is an excellent discription of the Penitentiary — excepting some small late alterations, hardly worth noting — they are

Page 8 quotes the price of boarding 16 Cents p day — now it is 20 —

— " One Blanket allowed a Prisoner — 2 are allowed each —

— 9 Instead of the lower Room here mentioned, a large House, has been erected in the yard expressly for divine Worship large enough for 1000 persons — There are 5 Keepers in the yard having under their care about 400 Men Convicts — No Guard nor Army allowed — 43 Women under the care of one keeper —

— 11 — On the Margin a Question is written, do the Inspectors receive any pay? — No — because then persons not well qualified might get the Office for the sake of the Salary — now it is filled by persons acting from Principle —

— 12 — The untried Prisoners & Vagrants are now confined in a separate House, lately the Debtors apartment, and the expence defrayed by the County —

a Law has been passed to erect a Penitentiary at Pittsburgh 300 Miles Westward of Philadelphia, this will relieve many of the prisoners of the Western Counties, and as the Debtors are now put in the new Prison at arch Street, we hope to have the Penitentiary in better order, tho' greatly too much Crowded, indeed very much to the destroying the effect of the System, as thou will see in a late publication by the Prison Society, of which I enclose some Copies —

J. R. Wood enclosed a paper containing a number of answers made to questions sent to him by T. F. Buxton, requesting me to correct & return it — it is now enclosed

with

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The Officers of the Prison are

1 principal Keeper Salary 1000 D. p annum } they find themselves
8 Deputy — " — " about 800 — " — } provisions —
1 Physician — " — 400 — " —
1 Clerk — " — 600 — " —
1 Store Keeper to sell manufactures 400 — " —

the Other Officers are Convicts —

All Convicts work at their Trades — Say Blacksmiths, Carpenters, Joiners, Shoemakers, Brushmakers, Weavers, Taylors, Cutters of Fur for Hatters use, Turners, Dye Stuff cutters, Coopers, Nail cutters & Headers, Flax Hackler & Spinners &c — Others, having no Trade, learn one, a Few Done —

The Vagrants pick Oakum & Hair —

Respectfully Thy Friends
Caleb Cresson } Secretaries of
Robert Vaux } Prison Society —

Wm Allen
Respected Friend

Philad. 5 mo 26. 1818

I have rec.d a Letter from Sam.l R Wood of this City dated London 12 mo 24 last, requesting me to send an answer to Thomas Fowell Buxton or thyself, This I should have done long since but it did not come to hand till about 5 Days ago — He mentions that T. F. Buxton is about publishing a Work on prison Discipline & wishes information respecting the prison in this place, at the same time proposing a number of questions to be answered — Most of which were answered (if I may so express myself) fully in Letters written by R Vaux & myself in 1816, from this & other circumstances I am led to think those Letters did not get to hand, therefore I now enclose a Copy of them, for two reasons, 1.st as they will answer several of the enquiries of T. F. B, & because they will shew that I was not unmindful of the promise I made, when in London, to forward such information

The questions answered in the two Pamphlets & my Letters to them of course I need not reply to — the others are as follows

The disposition to prosecute for forgery in Maryland is much the same as in Penn.a — being in both considered a great Crime against Society, & as it does not affect the Life, there is no object in screening the Offenders

Forgery has encreased very much of late, a great opp.n being opened by the encrease of Banks & Bank paper

All the publications on prison Discipline that could be procured have been sent over —

There is no general Bankrupt Law now in force, most of the States have Laws of their own, & generally very defective —

Privateers

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teach the Children, till 9 in the Evening — also by a Society established for the purpose on the Sabbath — There is a library for the use of the Prisoners, out of which the Books are generally lent to them every week. —

The convicts maintain themselves, & also the Vagrants & untried Prisoners, including Officers Salaries, except 4 or 5000 Dollars pr annum, which is paid by the County Treasury — The Men Convicts earn about 2/3 to 3 Dollars pr Week on an avarage, & the Women 1 to 1/2. — There are few instances of Convicts restoring the Property or the value of it — The County pays the Costs of Trial —

There have been but 2 or 3 instances of Mutiny since the establishment of the System (about 30 Years) that got to any heighth — there have been many Plots, but they were generally discovered in time by confidential Prisoners — Those who discover any thing serious are mostly discharged, or otherwise well rewarded —

The degrees of Punishment, imprisonment & labour apigned by the Laws of this State, to Persons guilty of some of the greater Crimes is as follows —

Murder of the 1st degree	Death
do 2d — "	5 to 18 Years Imprisonment
Rape	10 to 21. — " —
Arson	5 to 12 — " —
Burglary	6 mo. to 5 Years " —

Punishment in this State is less severe than in some others, but fewer are Pardoned —

We expected to have had ready for this Conveyance a schedule of the Prisoners, Crimes & punishments in the Penitentiary of this State since its establishment, but are disappointed, must leave it till another Opportunity. —

Enclosed are several Pages of the american Edition of Reeves Cyclopedia, under the Head "Penitentiary" is the substance of Turnbulls visit to the Prison, but several errors of that are corrected so as to shew its present State. —

After writing the foregoing we concluded to add the following remarks

There are generally in the Prison

350 Men Convicts —	50 Women
180 do vagrants & 230 untried Prisoners	90 & 140 — "
about 1/3 black	about 1/2 black

The annual cost of cloathing & Medicine 20 Dr. for Men 15 & 20 for Women
do — " subsistance . . . 1/8 to 1/5 Dr. pr Week

Diet as follows —

Breakfast — Molasses & Water (in place of Tea or Coffee) 3/4 lb Rye Bread
Dinner 3/4 lb Meat, generally beef, sometimes Mutton 3 Half pints Soup 1/2 lb Bread & 4 or 5 Potatoes, sometimes Rice or beans instead of potatoes
Supper — Indian Mush, with Molasses & Water, & Bread, if Mush does not agree with them —

printed, that he is not in possession of any such Statements for former years, but he encloses us a Table of the Convicts admitted into that Prison since its establishment, their Crimes &c, of which we thought it worth while to enclose a Copy — We enclose a Piece cut from Poulsons Paper of this City "of aug. 9" relative to the execution of Richard Smith, who was executed for a most deliberate Murder, yet, being so rare a circumstance here, it excited great emotion; this may give an Idea of the feelings of Persons not accustomed to such Scene, —

We also enclose a Series of Essays on the Subject of Capital punishments, as published in the same paper; those under the Signature of "Civis" are said to be written by J. R. Coxe M.D. & those Signed "Caritas" by Joseph Parrish. M.D. — We expect you may call something out of them worth the perusal —

In the Spring of 1815 the Prison Society, in order to collect information on the Subject of the penitentiary System, directed the Secretaries to write to those having the management of Penetentiaries in the several States, on the Subject — We accordingly addressed Letters to the Managers of the Penetentiaries at the following places, viz.

Concord —	New Hampshire
Windsor —	Vermont —
Charleston —	Massachusetts
Granby —	Connecticut
New York —	
Trenton —	New Jersey
Baltimore —	Maryland
Richmond —	Virginia
Columbus —	Ohio
Frankfort —	Kentucky

at all of which places they are established, tho' that in Ohio is quite a new Institution — From most of them we have rec.d Answers & we enclose extracts from those of New Hampshire Massachusetts, New York & New Jersey, which contain the substance of all the Communications — It appears there are no Penetentiaries in Rhode Island, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee & Louisiana —

Our Friend Thomas Shillaber has requested us to answer several Questions proposed to him by Rob.t Forster of Tottenham — part are answered above, the others may be answered as follows

A few have been reclaimed by Imprisonment, tho' the opportunities of knowing much about those discharged is very small, and it is reckoned about one half are never heard of after — As our Prison contains all the Convicts of the State, it is often very full, & therefore it is difficult to keep them so solitary as to produce much reformation? —

It is supposed about one fourth return again, after having been discharged, & a few are hardly ever out of the Prison —

The proportion of juvenile depredators is about 4 or 5 in 100 — Schools are held in the Rooms by some of the Convicts, to teach

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William Allen (London)

Respected Friend

We were in hopes of getting all the Papers mentioned to C. C. Jr, when in London, ready for this Vessel, but we have not been able to do so — We now hand thee for the use of the Society — a Collection of the Penal Laws of Penn.a — an enquiry on the Subject of the punishment of death by Judge Bradford, to which is added an Account of the Prison by C. Lownes — and a pamphlet containing an account of a visit to the Prison — they are all 2d. Hand Copies but the best we could get, & may convey some information — The Bundle containing these Pamphlets we expect will be handed to thee by Capt. Robinson of the Factor, if he does not please send to him for it — There are several Papers which we expect to get ready shortly, & shall send on them & any thing else we can collect — In the mean time remain very respectfully

Thy Friend, Caleb Cresson Jr
Robert, Vaux

Philad. (orphans 5mo) 1816

There were also 2 papers sent with the above, abstracts from the Acts of the Prison, expences of maintenance &c.

C. C.

William Allen

Respected Friend

Philad.a 10 mo 19. 1816

By the Factor we handed thee a Letter, with sundry enclosures which we presume thou has received —

At a late Meeting of the Society for alleviating the miseries of public Prisons C. Cresson Jr, presented the Books put under his care by direction of the Society in London, when it was "Resolved that the thanks of this Society be presented to the Society in London for meliorating the penal Code of Laws in the Subject of Capital punishments, published by Basil Montague & presented to this Society" —

"Resolved, that these Volumes, with such Books as are already in our possession, be the commencement of a Library of publications on the Subject of Capital punishment, &c, to be enlarged as occasion offers & placed at present under the care of the Secretaries" —

"Resolved that the Secretaries be requested to forward Copies of all publications & papers they may collect, & that may appear valuable, to the Society in London"

Which please communicate to the Society —

We now enclose some other Papers, viz, Extract from the Message of the Governor of this State to the Legislature, and a Copy of a petition of Sundry Citizens of this Commonwealth to the Legislature, both on the Subject of the Penetentiary System, these are the papers, we presume, alluded to at the Meeting of the Society, & which C. Cresson Jr, promised to send — there were parts of other Messages on the Subject, but this contains the substance of them all, the Memorials were generally similar to the enclosed, being mostly from this part of the State, —

We also enclose printed abstract of the number of Convicts in the Massachusetts State prison, the manner of employing them &c — & Statement of Receipts, Expences, Officers Pay &c — The Warden of that prison informs us this is the first abstract that has been printed

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